The Sectional Championships

MID-WESTERNS

Dr. L. E. Prickman

Rochester Figure Skating Club

A RECORD NUMBER of contestants—a grand total of 88 skaters—

Colorful skating—combining both boldness and well-practiced skill—

Youthful champions—especially in Jun-

ior and Senior Singles events —

All these helped make the annual Mid-Western Championships at Rochester, Minn., on January 31 and February 1 a notable event promising even greater success in the future.

The host club deserves praise; so do judges and officials headed by Referee Henry M. Beatty, President of the United States Figure Skating Association. A crowd of 2,000 on the final night expressed its appreciative enthusiasm for the skating with round after round of ringing applause.

While it will be the business of some other statistician to verify the figures that this was the largest field ever to compete in a Sectional Championship in the United States, the Rochester event gave ample evidence of a remarkable resurgence of midwestern skating enthusiasm and skill.

Hail to the winners!

For the second straight year it was the sprightly 15-year-old Virginia Baxter of the Chicago FSC who paced the field to win the championship in the Ladies' Senior event.

Miss Baxter skated beautifully and was excellent in her daring free skating routine that had gained in polish and grace from her victorious effort of the year before at Cleveland. Her velvet free skating costume was a gorgeous shade of red.

Second honors went to pretty Margaret Ann Graham of the Tulsa FSC. This was a notable place for Miss Graham as she stepped up from the year before from junior to senior ranks. Third place went to a newcomer in mid-west competitions, Faris Nourse of the Chicago FSC, a strong free skater.

Senior Men's laurels were won by youthful Hayes Alan Jenkins of the Cleveland SC, who scored a ringing

(1) Kathryn Ehlers, The SC of New York, Eastern and Middle Atlantic Ladies' Champion, shown receiving prize from David T. Layman, Jr., President of the SC of New York, at the Middle Atlantic Championships. (2) USFSA President Henry M. Beatty, presenting awards to the Mid-Western Junior Pair Champions, Renee Clark & William Lang, while Club President R. R. Kierland looks on. (3) Shirley Martin & Ronald Kinney, The Glencoe Club, Western Canadian Junior Pair Champions. (4) Virginia Baxter, Chicago FSC, Mid-Western Ladies' Champion. (5) Winners of the Mid-Western Championships, held at Rochester, Minn.: Jane Fleming, FSC of Minneapolis, Novice Ladies; Virginia Baxter, Chicago FSC, Senior Ladies; Jack Flom, FSC of Omaha, Junior Men; Carol Olsen, Chicago FSC, Junior Ladies; Arnold Savage, St. Paul FSC, Novice Men; Nancy Sue Jenkins, Cleveland SC, Senior Dance, Senior Pairs; Hayes Alan Jenkins, Cleveland SC, Senior Men, Senior Dance, Senior Pairs; Renee Clark & William Lang, Akron SC, Junior Pairs; Kay Crum & Gary Kepler, Akron SC, Junior Dance. (6) Joan Penfold, Wascana WC, Western Canadian Junior Champion. (7) Nancy Sue & Hayes Alan Jenkins, Mid-Western Pair and Dance Champions. (8) Sheila Smith & Ross Smith, Winnipeg WC, Western Canadian Senior Pair and Waltz Champions. (9) Group of prize winners in the Middle Atlantic Championships. (10) Roger & Malcolm Wickson, Connaught SC, Senior and Junior winners, respectively, in the Western Canadian Championships. (11) Eastern Winners: Front Row: Kathryn Ehlers, The SC of New York, Ladies Champion and member of Champion Four; Sarahann Wilson, Providence FSC, Juvenile Girls; Josephine Barnum, The SC of Boston, Junior Champion; Patsy Kerrigan, International FSC, Novice Champion. (12) Other Eastern champions: Front row: Jean-Pierre Brunet, The SC of New York, member of the Champion Four; Josephine Barnum; Robert O'Connell; Kathryn Ehlers; Rex Cook; Patsy Kerrigan. Center Row: Carleton C. Hoffner, Jr., Washington FSC, Senior Pairs; Anne Hall & James Philips, The SC of New York,

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"triple" in the competition. He teamed with his sister, Nancy Sue, to win first place in both Senior Pairs and Senior Dance. Hayes Alan is growing up. He will be a challenger for future Olympic team honors.

In the Men's Senior two St. Paul skaters, Marlyn Thomsen and John Nightingale, finished second and third, respec-

tively.

Carol Olsen of the Chicago FSC, with an exhibition of beauty and strength, topped the Ladies' Junior field. This was Carol's second Mid-Western Championship. She had won the Novice title at Cleveland two years ago. Harriet Sutton of St. Paul was second and Sonnie Gene Murray of the Tulsa FSC, 1947 Novice winner, was third.

The Men's Junior Championship was won by Jack Flom of Omaha, with Michael Coerver, Chicago, second, and Hugh C. Graham, Jr., Tulsa, third.

Jane Fleming of the Minneapolis FSC was the Ladies' Novice winner, pacing a field of 27 entries. Second was Nancy Rae Mineard of the Akron SC, with Shirlev Swenson of St. Paul, third.

Arnold Savage of St. Paul gave the Novice singles a Minnesota sweep by winning the Men's event. Second was Robert Alan Keyes of the Cleveland SC, with

Lester Hanson of Chicago third.

It was one-two for Cleveland in both the Senior Pairs and Senior Dance. Bliss & Jane Shellentrager were second to Hayes Alan & Nancy Sue Jenkins in both events. In the Senior Pairs John Nightingale & Janet Gerhauser of St. Paul were third. Jack Jost & Mary Lou Rolfson of St. Louis and Chicago, respectively, were third in the Senior Dance.

William Lang & Renee Clark of the Akron SC won the Junior Pairs, with Jack Jost & Mary Lou Rolfson second and John & Anne Marie Leddy of Rochester third. Gary Kepler & Kay Crum of Akron won the Junior Dance. Marlyn Thompson & Harriet Sutton of St. Paul were second and Don Dahlberg & Joan Chalupsky of Omaha third.

The Chicago FSC nosed out Cleveland for team honors, retaining the Cleveland Memorial Trophy Cup for another year.

Four new clubs sent competitors to the event for the first time. They were Broadmoor SC. Hiawatha SC (Sault Ste. Marie), Fargo-Moorhead WC and the Junior FSC of Kansas City. Increasing the number of clubs as well as the total entry is a tribute to splendid work by Robert Sackett, Chairman of the USFSA Mid-Western Committee.

Dr. L. E. Prickman of the Rochester FSC was general chairman of the competition. He was aided by an excellent committee composed of Dr. R. R. Kierland, President of the club, Mrs. F. W. Kendall. Mrs. F. R. Finch, L. N. Ekstrand, T. H. Johansen, Mabelle Dilley, Mrs. L. E. Prickman, Mrs. H. A. Hoffman, Mrs. Edward Kreter and Madelon Olson. Kendall Kelley of Cleveland was assistant referee. Judges were Lewis F. Cody, Mrs. L. M. Drake, Jr., Dr. Hugh C. Graham, G. B. Jenkinson, Jr., Allen Lomax, Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Sackett, Mrs. Mary L. Premer Smersh and Lyman E. Wakefield,

The Rochester FSC was host to the judges at dinner Friday at the Rochester Country Club. Following the competition the club entertained all contestants at a supper dance at the Country Club; some 250 attended this event.

SENIOR LADIES

Virginia Baxter, Chicago FSC
 Margaret Ann Graham, Tulsa FSC
 Faris Nourse, Chicago FSC
 Helen Geekie, Cleveland SC
 Donna Jeanne Pospisil, Chicago FSC
 Slavka Kohout, Chicago FSC
 Janet Gerhauser, St. Paul FSC
 Marilyn Thomsen, St. Paul FSC

SENIOR MEN (The Cleveland Skating Club Trophy)

Hayes Alan Jenkins, Cleveland SC
 Marlyn Thomsen, St. Paul FSC
 John Nightingale, St. Paul FSC

JUNIOR LADIES (Raymond Cup)

(Raymond Cup)

1. Carol Olsen, Chicago FSC

2. Harriet Sutton, St. Paul FSC

3. Sonnie Gene Murray, Tulsa FSC

4. Roberta Cook, Tulsa FSC

5. Cynthia Hanson, WC of Indianapolis

6. Mary Lou Rolfson, Chicago FSC

7. Mary Louisa Haas, Tulsa FSC

8. Joan Hansen, Rochester FSC

9. Gloria Kuenkel, St. Paul FSC

10. Martha Finch, Rochester FSC

11. Joan Fisher, Broadmoor SC

12. Eleanor Ann Bond, WC of Indianapolis

13. Katherine Peterson, Duluth FSC

14. Audrey Hodges, Cleveland SC

JUNIOR MEN

- Jack Flom, FSC of Omaha
 Michael Coerver, Chicago FSC
 Hugh Graham, Jr., Tulsa FSC
 Jack Jost, St. Louis SC
 Carl Chamberlin, Broadmoor SC
 Paul Van Voorhees, Chicago FSC
 Jerry Redfern, Tulsa FSC
 John Carlow, Chicago FSC

NOVICE LADIES

- Novice Ladies

 1. Jane Fleming, FSC of Minneapolis
 2. Nancy Rae Mineard, Akron SC
 3. Shirley Swenson, St. Paul FSC
 4. Donna Mae Andrews, Chicago FSC
 5. Sidney Ann Foster, Fargo-Moorhead WC
 6. Caryl Johns, Milwaukee FSC
 7. Sylvia Beth Sundene, Chicago FSC
 8. Betsy Todd, WC of Indianapolis
 9. Beverly Young, Cleveland SC
 10. Roberta Vermillion, Jr. FSC of Kansas City
 11. Nancy Kendall, Rochester FSC
 12. Patsy Herrick, Cleveland SC
 13. Nancy L. Wilson, Cleveland SC
 14. Sheila Tiemann, St. Louis SC
 15. Joanne Will, Chicago FSC
 16. Geraldine Huesing, Chicago FSC
 17. Meladee Annes, Chicago FSC
 18. Mary Ann Heft, Milwaukee FSC
 19. Marilyn Prickman, Rochester FSC
 20. Alice La Bagge, St. Louis SC
 21. Barbara Sykes, Broadmoor SC
 22. Marylyn J. Hulsizer, Tulsa FSC
 23. Dolores Hanrahan, St. Paul FSC
 24. Anne Marie Leddy, Rochester FSC
 25. Bethine G, Carroll, FSC of Minneapolis
 26. Gabrielle Downs, Olympia SC
 27. Jacqueline Jaenisch, St. Paul FSC

Novice Men

- 1. Arnold Savage, St. Paul FSC
 2. Robert Allan Keyes, Cleveland SC
 3. Lester Hanson, Chicago FSC
 4. Phillip B. Skillings, Duluth FSC
 5. Gary Kepler, Akron SC
- 6. David Jenkins, Cleveland SC 7. George Scragg, Jr., Cleveland SC 8. Charles Foster, Fargo-Moorhead WC

SENIOR PAIRS (Radix Pair Cup)

- 1. Nancy Sue Jenkins & Hayes Alan Jenkins, Cleveland SC
- Jane Schellentrager & Riki Bliss, Cleveland SC
 Janet Gerhauser & John Nightingale, St. Paul

JUNIOR PAIRS (Metternich Trophy)

- (Mettermen Trophy)

 1. Renee Clark & William Lang, Akron SC
 2. Mary Lou Rolfson, Chicago FSC, & Jack Jost, St. Louis SC
 3. Anne Leddy & John Leddy, Rochester FSC
 4. Eleanor Ann Bond & John Glossbrenner, WC of Indianapolis
 5. Sally Haas & Robert Knoll, Wintergarden FSC of St. Louis
 6. Caryl Johns, Milwaukee FSC, & Burton Weymier, Chicago FSC
 7. Kay Crum & Gary Kepler, Akron SC
 8. Mary Fancis Coonan & Martin Coonan, St. Paul FSC
- Paul FSC

 Terryl Johnson & Jack Woodstrom, FargoMoorhead WC
- Lucille Ash & Carl S. Chamberlin, Broad-moor SC

SENIOR DANCE (Radix Dance Trophy)

Nancy Sue Jenkins & Hayes Alan Jenkins, Cleveland SC

- 2. Jane Schellentrager & Riki Bliss, Cleveland SC
- Mary Lou Rolfson, Chicago FSC, & Jack Jost, St. Louis SC
 Caryl Johns, Milwaukee FSC, & Burton Wey-
- mier, Chicago FSC

 Mildred Messer & William Lang, Akron SC

 Laverne Solomon & Matthew Solomon, Chicago FSC

JUNIOR DANCE

- Kay Crum & Gary Kepler, Akron SC
 Harriet Sutton & Marlyn Thomsen, St. Paul FSC
- 3. Joan Chalupsky & Don Dahlberg, FSC of Omaha
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 Terryl Johnson & Jack Woodstrom, Fargo-Moorhead WC
 Lucille Ash & Carl Chamberlin, Broadmoor SC
 Sidney Ann Foster & Charles Foster, Fargo-Moorhead WC

THE EASTERNS

Margaret E. Garren

The Skating Club of Lake Placid

THE 1948 EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS came back home for the third time in ten years. It was at the Olympic Arena, under the auspices of The Skating Club of Lake Placid, that the first Easterns were held in 1938, returning in 1944, and staged this year on February 13, 14, 15. In spite of the fact that the Championships opened on Friday the 13th, the feeling of good sportsmanship among all the contestants and guests overcame whatever jinx that may have been lurking in the offing.

On Thursday evening a dinner for The Skating Club of Lake Placid Championships Committee and the judges was given in the Majestic Birch Room. During the days of the competitions tea was served in the club lounge every afternoon where visitors could meet and still watch the skaters below.

There was just one entry in the Senior Pairs and the news soon got around the rink that there would be no competition for the Hoffner-Davies pair. Almost instantly the Sullivan Twins, who were entered in the Junior Pairs, offered to go into the Senior competition; Walter Muehlbronner and Irene Maguire, who were also entered in the Junior Pairs, offered to compete, and then Jean-Pierre Brunet and Kathryn Ehlers said they would also enter. The Sullivans were advised to stay in the Junior event and the other two accepted in the Senior. Walter and Irene had their music timed for the

Juniors, but that didn't stop them—they skated the first ten seconds of their program without music, and were runners-up to Hoffner and Davies, who won the Senior Pair title

The sensation of the competition was Bob O'Connell from Baltimore. His neat foot work, clever timing, confidence and free flow earned him not only the Junior Men's title, but the unofficial title of "modern edition, junior size Karli Schafer." A few more years of practice and experience will make him one of our top notch skaters.

The Muehlbronner-Maguire dancing thrilled everyone, skaters and spectators alike, with their synchronized rhythm, and they were an inspiration to danceconscious people.

As a class the Juvenile Girls caused the most comment, doing good school figures and amazing free skating. It is true that they don't always attain their goal, but they will try anything known in free skat-

In practice session the day before the competitions opened, Mimi Pong was spiked in the leg. Several stitches were needed to close the wound, but Mimi did her school figures and free skating, stitches

and all.

Good taste in competition costumes was very apparent in both men and ladies, with a few exceptions. The same held true with the selection of music. A few had over-ambitious music and were not able to skate up to it, while one or two others had music that bordered on the "dirge" and no one would have been able to skate to it; but by and large skaters seem to be getting more music-conscious. This is certainly a great help to the skater and makes skating more enjoyable to the spec-

Andra McLaughlin gave an exhibition of her Indian Dance on Sunday afternoon, and did her jitterbug number for an encore. Little Jerome Langan from Baltimore also gave an exhibition, since he was the only entry in the Juvenile Boys and could not compete. After the awarding of medals and trophies there was a buffet supper in the lounge. Some of the observations made at the supper were these: The Easterns is a three-day event instead of the usual two . . . By starting on time and adhering to schedule everyone, including the judges, has time to rest, have fun and talk to friends . . . By knowing just when things are going to happen, there is no reason to have "jitters" from long waits. The Championships finished just 20 minutes later than the anticipated time, which pleased everyone.

A vote of thanks is due H. L. Garren for his efficient management of the Championships, Mrs. Lussi, President of the Club, and her able committees who worked so hard toward the success of the Easterns and the comfort of the contestants

and judges.

SENIOR LADIES (The Skating Club of Lake Placid Trophy)

- 1. Kathryn Ehlers, The SC of New York
 2. Andra McLaughlin, The SC of New York
 3. Sonya Klopfer, The Junior SC of New York
 4. Anne Hall, The SC of New York
 5. Betty Lee Dent, Washington FSC
 6. Gloria Warren, The SC of New York
 7. Phyllis Faller, Buffalo SC

SENIOR MEN

(Roger F. Turner Trophy)

Carleton C. Hoffner, Jr., Washington FSC
 Donald Jacoby, Syracuse FSC
 E. Newbold Black, IV, Philadelphia SC & HS

JUNIOR LADIES

- Josephine Barnum, The SC of Boston
 Tenley Albright, The SC of Boston
 Carol Hoag, Brooklyn Junior FSC
 Irene Maguire, Metropolitan FSC
 Joan Dembeck, The SC of New York
 Mimi Pong, Brooklyn Junior FSC
 Ferne Fletcher, Washington FSC
 Gloria Howley, The SC of New York

JUNIOR MEN (Buddy White Memorial Trophy)

- 1. Robert O'Connell, Baltimore FSC
 2. Donald Laws, Washington FSC
 3. James Philips, The SC of New York
 4. Roy Miller, Penguin FSC
 5. George Pettinger, Jr., The SC of Lake Placid

NOVICE LADIES

- 1. Patsy Kerrigan, International FSC
 2. Phyllis Krinovitz, The SC of Lake Placid
 3. Rosemarie Egelhofer, Rye FSC
 4. Ruth Pincince, Springfield IB
 5. Carolyn Hinrichs, Washington FSC
 6. Jean Cheadle, Baltimore FSC
 7. Carol Ann Peters, Washington FSC
 8. Joan Pinevia, Rye FSC

Novice Men

- (Joseph Zirkelbach Memorial Trophy)
- William Lofgren, Brooklyn FSC
 Rex Cook, Baltimore FSC
 Robert Goodfellow, Rye FSC
 Joseph Sullivan, Providence FSC

JUVENILE GIRLS

Sarahann Wilson, Providence FSC
 Sheila Muldowny, The SC of New York

Joyce Durgan, The SC of Lake Placid
 Carol Johanson, Providence FSC
 Sandra Miller, The SC of Lake Placid
 Carol Heiss, The Junior SC of New York
 Nancy Smith, Washington FSC
 Ellie Sonneman, Brooklyn Junior FSC

SENIOR PAIRS

(Ruth Parkinson Memorial Trophy)

- Anne Davies & Carleton C. Hoffner, Jr., Washington FSC
 Irene Maguire & Walter Muehlbronner, Metropolitan FSC
 Kathryn Ehlers & Jean-Pierre Brunet, The SC of New York

JUNIOR PAIRS

- 1. Anne Hall & James Philips, The SC of New York
- Nancy McCullogh & Robert Goodfellow, Rye FSC
- 3. Lucille Mohrey & Roy Miller, Penguin FSC 4. Hazel Sullivan & Joseph Sullivan, Providence FSC
- 5. Leona Kowall & Hugh Seaman, Rye FSC

GOLD DANCE

- Irene Maguire & Walter Muehlbronner, Metropolitan FSC
 Anne Davies & Carleton C. Hoffner, Jr., Washington FSC
 Virginia Hayns, Rye FSC, & William Lofgren, Brooklyn FSC

SENIOR DANCE

- Phyllis Schroeder & Samuel Stokes, The SC of New York
 Vera Halliday & Edward Picken, Washington FSC
- Carolyn Hinrichs & Donald Wilson, Washington FSC
 Betty Lee Dent, Washington FSC, & Joseph Geisler, The SC of New York

JUNIOR DANCE

- Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Hanson, Washington FSC
 Lucille Mohrey & Roy Miller, Penguin FSC
 Jeanette Raines & Joseph Brown, Baltimore
- 4. Ann Walsh & Sidney Reiss, Metropolitan FSC

Fours

- Anne Hall, Kathryn Ehlers, James Philips, Jean-Pierre Brunet, The SC of New York
 J. Matzke, Mrs. R. B. Royer, Henry C. Mayer, E. Newbold Black, IV, Philadelphia SC & HS
 Ferne Fletcher, Carolyn Hinrichs, Donald Wilson, Edward Ricker, Washington FSC



Results Approved

THE RANKINGS of the Inter-City Dance Competition, the Northwestern States Championships, and the first part of the Informal Dance Competition, as published in the March issue, also the rankings of the Mid-Western Championships as published in this issue, have been checked and approved by the USFSA Competitions Committee.

California State

THE ST. MORITZ ISC sponsored the California State Championships this year on February 20 & 21 at Iceland, Berkeley.

SENIOR LADIES

- Joan Swanston, St. Moritz ISC
 Charlotte Campbell, All Year-Mercury FSC
 Letha Lou Linn, San Diego FSC
 - (6 Contestants)

SENIOR MEN

- Austin Holt, St. Moritz ISC
 Ronnie Pugh, St. Moritz ISC
- 3. Bobby Simmonds, Capitol City FSC

(4 Contestants)

JUNIOR LADIES

- Zella Harrington, Blade & Edge Club
 Jeri Boone, Los Angeles FSC
 Jeanette Peters, St. Moritz ISC
- (7 Contestants)

JUNIOR MEN

- Barry Gorman, St. Moritz ISC
 Richard Dwyer, Los Angeles FSC
 Armando Rodriguez, Capitol City FSC (4 Contestants)

NOVICE LADIES

- Nancy Kay Bates-Lane, Arctic Blades FSC
 Joan Brader, St. Moritz ISC
 Beverly Burns, St. Moritz ISC
- (22 Contestants)

Novice Men

Ronald Robertson, Arctic Blades FSC Clayton Tripp, St. Moritz ISC Lloyd Marschall, Arctic Blades FSC

(3 Contestants)

JUVENILE GIRLS

- Catherine Machado, Los Angeles FSC
 Katherine Hughes, All Year-Mercury FSC
 Patricia Robertson, Blade & Edge Club

(19 Contestants)

LADIES' PAIRS

- 1. Pat Scherrer & Marlene Miller, San Diego
- FSC 2. Janet Brown & Kathleen Heyler, All Year-
- Mercury FSC

 3. Margery Lawless & Louise Minnick, Modern Tempo ISC

(7 Pairs)

SENIOR PAIRS

- Anne & Austin Holt, St. Moritz ISC
 Letha Lou Linn & Glen Seaburg, San Diego FSC

(2 Pairs)

JUNIOR PAIRS

- 1. Patricia Quick & Armando Rodriguez, St.

 Moritz ISC
- Nancy Hammer & Evy Scotvold, St. Moritz ISC
- 3. Elisabeth Berens & Robert Leip, Los Angeles **FSC**

(3 Pairs)

SILVER DANCE

- 1. Vera Logstrup & Ray Hanna, Modern Tempo ISC
- 2. Marcella Prys & Peter Estes, Los Angeles FSC 3. Joe Anna Kelley & Roland Junso, Arctic Blades FSC

(5 Couples)