



Amsterdam, Netherlands

Short Track Referees' Clinic a Success!

Referees from Canada, USA, Australia, Great Britain, Belgium, Finland, Austria, Germany, Japan and the Netherlands participated from August 26th until August 28th at the Crest Hotel, Amsterdam, Netherlands in the first seminar for short track speed skating.

The object of the seminar was to get all short track referees to have the same interpretation of the rules.

The seminar was organized by the I.S.U.'s Short Track Technical Committee with financial support from the I.S.U. in co-operation with the Royal Dutch Skating Association of the Netherlands (K.N.S.B.). WILLIAM MARKLAND of Champaign, Ill., U.S.A. was the Chairman (he represented the Short Track Committee) and was joined by three instructors, namely: RENE MARLEAU (Canada); JOHN HALL (Gt. Britain) and RENIER OOSTHEIM (Netherlands).

Each of the instructors gave an explanation on a section of the Special Regulations for Short Track Speed Skating, the General Regulations and the "Memorandum for Short Track Championships".

Special attention was drawn to the Competitors Steward procedure, according to which the drawing and seeding in Championships will take place. Also, the official I.S.U. Protocol (necessary for World Record application) and other work of the Referee that is not mentioned in the rulebook, was explained.

These explanations resulted in several interesting discussions contributing to the object of this seminar.

Question period

After going through all the theory, the

instructors presented several questions to the participants, based on situations that actually happened in the past or could happen in the future. The contribution of these test cases to the seminar was good. It showed how the rules, and especially the spirit behind the rules must be applied and interpreted.

The discussions also resulted in several remarks directed towards to I.S.U. Short Track Technical Committee as to where the rules need either to be clarified or improved.

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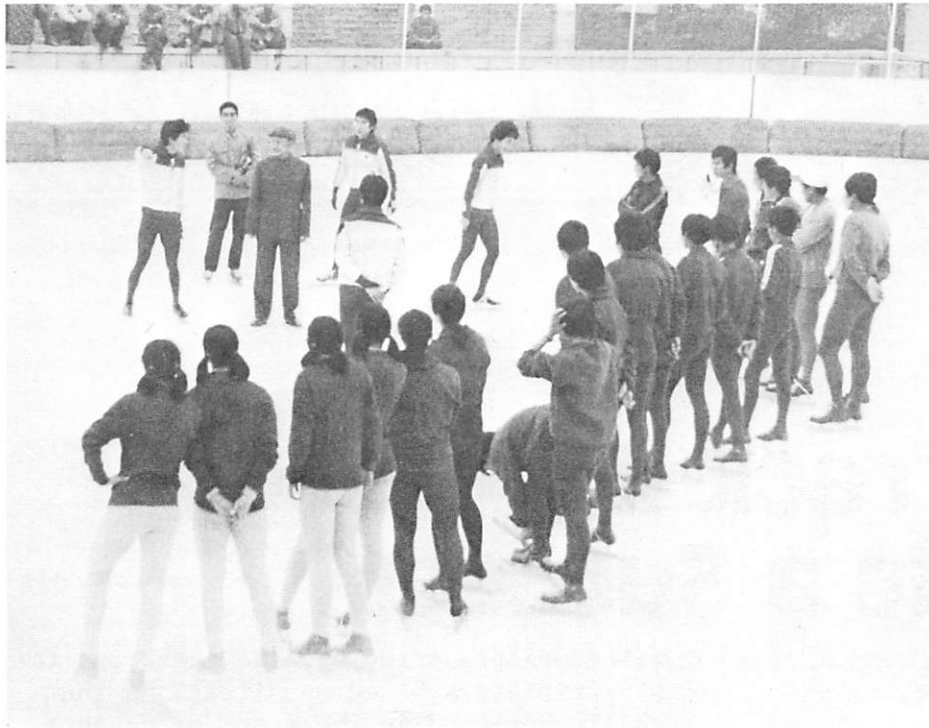
Japan demonstrates Short Track to China

In late September the National Skating Union of Japan sent a team of four senior men to demonstrate short track speed skating to the skaters of China under the auspices of the Winter Sports Federation of the Peoples Republic of China.

The Japanese team was headed by RYOHEI ISHIKAWA (Manager and a member of the I.S.U. Short Track Committee), accompanied by his charming wife YOKO. HIROSHI SHIRAKAWA was the Team Leader with MIKIHITO KAWABARA as Coach/Competitor along with HIROSHI TODA, KEICHI SUGIO and YASHUHIKO HONMA.

Starting with their arrival in Beijing on September 21st, the group moved to Harbin in the north-east territory. September 23rd. to the 25th some leisure and lectures in Harbin.

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• At Harbin, China - Japanese skaters demonstrate short track techniques with the assistance of Chinese translators • the rink at Harbin is outdoor and the Chinese skaters are most interested in short track • a large number of female skaters are also in the program •

• To our readers - Under the staff listing on Page 4 we show the rates for subscription.

Enclosed you will find a new subscription form for the 1981-1982 season. This reflects new rates due to postal rates being increased here in Canada.

This issue, Volume 1, Number 6 is the last one in the volume.

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is highly regarded as one of the best "younger" coaches in the World today ● Certainly Canada's successes can be largely credited to JACK WALTERS ●

In the last issue of the SHORT TRACKERS, there was reference to the Canadian Amateur Speed Skating Association's consideration of the oval track for domestic competition. (currently Canada uses a 100m. double radius track). While this is technically true, it could be slightly misleading in suggesting there is widespread support for the oval track.

During the 94th Annual General Meeting of the Association, delegates from all of the Provincial Associations, the Board of Directors, special committees and even individuals through their provincial associations may propose changes to the rules of the Association. There was a submission this year from one individual for a change to the oval track. Last year there was also such a proposal, with the double radius track being approved 37 to 2. This year the vote was 35 to 2 in favour of maintaining the double radius track.

Boucher and Baril give support

It is interesting to note that the skater representatives GAETAN BOUCHER and LOUIS BARIL voted in favour of the double radius track and World Champion, BENOIT BARIL who attended the meeting but was not voting is also in favour of the double radius track. These skaters were 1st, 2nd and 4th in the last World Championships and fully realize that the World Championships will be held on the oval track.

Why does Canada continue to use the double radius track for domestic competitions while conducting special training

camp and international competitions on the oval?.

One cannot say that Canada is successful in the World Championships merely because of using the double radius. There are many reasons, the most important being the hard work and dedication of the skaters but also other reasons such as, club, provincial and national training and competition programs, good facilities, special "LABERGE" skates, coaching at various levels and a strong pride in the team. One other reason may be the double radius track.

Delegates agree

All the delegates at the annual meeting appear to agree that the double radius track has one or more of the following advantages in the development of skaters:

1. Safety: it is a fact that the sliding distance from the track to the boards in the case of a fall favours the double radius track. With thousands of individual races each year in Canada, the probability of injury must be considered.

2. Agility: the double radius track encourages many passes during a race, more so on the oval. Through the years of development, skaters gain confidence in their passing ability and gain at a faster rate on the double radius track.

3. Technique: indoor technique requires a complete awareness of the relative positions of skates and the centre of gravity. The ability to consciously or unconsciously react to centrifugal force and moments of inertia. With a variable radius, the skater learns to feel and control these aspects to a higher degree on the double radius track.

4. Simplicity: the 100m. double radius track uses the same starting and finish lines for all common distances.

5. Quickness: the double radius track promotes quickness, the ability to accelerate, to pass quickly. The constant regularity of the oval certainly doesn't diminish maximum speed but may retard that little extra acceleration when it is needed to pass.

All these points are primarily subjective and can probably never be scientifically proven, however, they are among the reasons why Canada continues to use the double radius track for its own domestic use.

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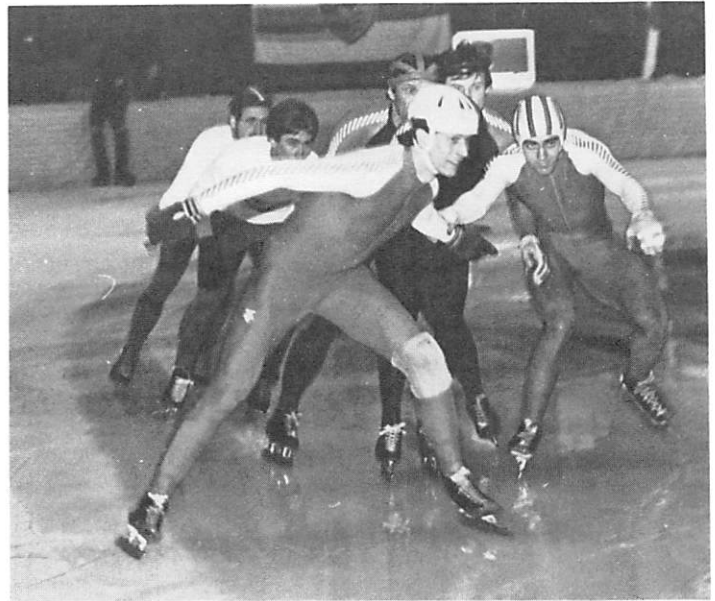
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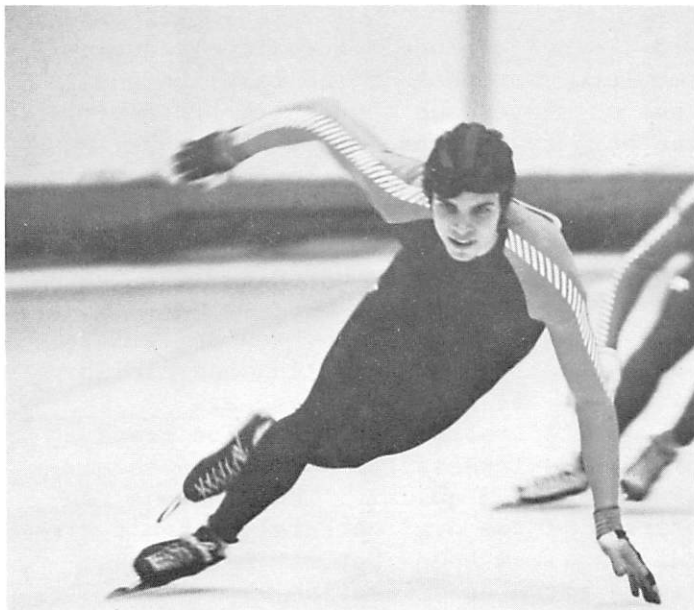
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HOW NOT TO RELAY YOUR TEAM-MATE...
PAVEL SALNY of Aviemore photographed **GAETAN BOUCHER** in an obvious relay infringement in tagging team-mate **LOUIS BARIL**, Dutch skaters behind this "relay" are rightfully "scared" at such a move! • the Canadian team were disqualified.



MENNO BOELSMA

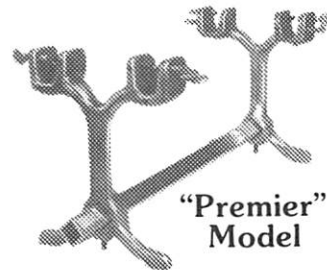
• **IAN GOOCH** of Great Britain photographed **MENNO BOELSMA** of the Netherlands in this excellent action position during competitions at Aviemore in Scotland • **MENNO** recently travelled to Australia for competition



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Japan visits China

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During the evening of the 25th, the group moved to Changchung; again on the 26th and 28th, leisure and more lectures with the return on the 29th. From September 30th to October 1st., sightseeing in Beijing and the return to Tokyo on October 2nd.

Both three day periods in Harbin and Changchung consisted of - the first day, in the morning we had demonstrations and coaching on ice together with the Chinese skaters. In the afternoon, in the first time period RYOHEI ISHIKAWA talked about the world history of short track, the actual conditions and a look at the future. In the second time period HIROSHI SHIRAKAWA lectured on the ISU Special Regulations for Short Track Speed Skating and the conditions of the competition.

The second day, we had training and lectures in the same way.

On the third day, in the morning, we had a practice match using the Chinese officials, RYOHEI ISHIKAWA and HIROSHI SHIRAKAWA were on the ice and checked their positions and work. In the afternoon, we had a discussion again with the Chinese participants and there were many eager questions regarding the regulations and how to train their short trackers.

Tokyo in 1983?

RYOHEI ISHIKAWA emphasized the need for the Chinese to participate in International and World competitions for experience, much can be gained from actual competition in short track and urged them to be in attendance at Moncton, Canada in April 1982 and most certainly Japan in 1983.

One of their intentions (the Chinese) in short track was the fact they have already made short track speed skates before we visited China. They examined other speed skates and them by themselves. The blades were still not good enough or of a high quality for first class short trackers but we could understand their eagerness for short track in China. We promised to work with them to make excellent blades.

Two hundred coaches and trainers

At Harbin and Changchung, the attendance was over 200 coaches and trainers gathering from all over the Chinese skating district, even from Wulumugi and Tulufan of Silk Road.

1 million plus skaters in Harbin

Around Harbin there are over 1,200,000 skaters, at the moment they are surely untried, but they will grow with a great deal of short track skaters emerging from this massive figure. We believe firmly that we have moved the "sleeping giant" of short track and we see the "giant" joining the short track family.

After the group had returned to Beijing, we enjoyed a sightseeing tour around there and visited the world famous Great Wall of China and the Summer Palace among other things.

RYOHEI ISHIKAWA

Twan Pao To - Short Track in Chinese

In gathering the various translations of the words SHORT TRACK, we see "Piste Piccolo", "Courte de Piste", and now MR. ISHIKAWA gives us "TWAN PAO TO" from China! Surely the prime title should be "INDOOR"? ■



• Some of the many coaches and trainers who attended the lectures on history of Short Track and I.S.U. Regulations in Harbin, China.

• With the high costs of the new Canadian postal rates for Overseas first class, airmail national associations or their representatives should consider purchasing bulk copies (minimum of 25 season's subscription) with air parcel post charges being extra.

At present, both the British (through IAN GOOCH) and the Scottish (through GLEN HENDERSON) are taking advantage of this. You should explore this avenue, write to the Editor for further details.

a gathering in Amsterdam

The ISU Referees' Seminar

by Soenar Chamid



• Read from left to right - No. 1: the four instructors, **BILL MARKLAND**; **JOHN HALL**; **RENE MARLEAU** and **REINIER OOSTHEIM** - BILL instructs who will explain the several test cases; look at **RENE's** tie, he was so impressed with the Dutch countryside he wore a **KNSB** tie for three days! • No. 2: **GIJS BROERE** (Netherlands); **GEOFF HOWIE** (Australia); **DEREK HEALY**, **KEN PENDREY** and **JOHN STREETER** (all of Gt. Britain) • No. 3: **GRETA HALL** (USA); **RON BROWN** (Canada); **AAD VAN DE VELDE** and **GIJS BROERE** (both from the Netherlands) • No.4: **REINIER OOSTHEIM** (Netherlands); **JOHN HALL** (Gt. Britain); **SUSUMU**

NISHIDA and **HIROSHI SHIRAKAWA** (Japan) and **GER BOELSMA** (Netherlands) •



BITS AND PIECES

• The dates of the 1982 World Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Moncton, Canada are April 2-4, 1982 • See more information on Page 9, and there is more to follow!

'81 Oktoberfest

Kitchener, Ontario—October 10-11, 1981
 Amidst the hullabaloo of a typical German Oktoberfest, the Kitchener-Waterloo Sertoma Speed Skating Club organized the 6th International Speed Skating Championships attracting a field over over 110 competitors from as far afield as Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Massachusetts, Quebec and Ontario.

While many top Canadian indoor skaters were not present due to an untimely National training camp in Ottawa, resulting in some top U.S. skaters not attending the competition; thanks to CLIFF RAWNSLEY and his efficient volunteers the championships was again a great success and a competition to be at in the early stages of the season.

Because the competition is the first of the season, fun is the main theme of the Oktoberfest Competition. All classes were entertained including a Masters Events in which skaters 50 years and over competed.



• 189 years between the three of them • Master speedskaters (from left to right): ED WARD, 63 years old; Fraser, Michigan; TED BARDON, 66 years old; Eden Mills, Ontario and BILL ERBS, 60 years old; Buffalo, N.Y. (BILL is the President of the Niagara Frontier S.S. Association). Photo by BRIAN THUSUSKA

Races over various distances on the Canadian 100m. double radius a number of records were broken. The ice surface is 100m x 200m (regulation Short Track) and the barrier padding is excellent. In addition to electronic lap scoring, the KWSSSC were also experimenting with computerized electronic timekeeping which also gave the

announcer CARL HENNIGAR some interesting facts on the speed of the skaters.

Most popular of course are the Pee-Wee and Bantam classes and there seems to be no end of their antics in skating the track on the long blades - spirit and fun!

Here are the class winners:

PEE-WEE GIRLS	J.MILLS	ILLINOIS
PEE-WEE BOYS	A.KENNEDY	KITCHENER
BANTAM GIRLS	S.PARKES	ILLINOIS
BANTAM BOYS	P.CARPENTIER	QUEBEC
MIDGET GIRLS	H.MILLS	ILLINOIS
MIDGET BOYS	N.SULLIVAN	QUEBEC
JUVENILE GIRLS	M.BAIR	MICHIGAN
JUVENILE BOYS	C.RAWNSLEY	KITCHENER
JUNIOR GIRLS	PAT BURTON	WISCONSIN
JUNIOR BOYS	R.DUBREUIL	QUEBEC
INTERMEDIATE GIRLS	K.HARE	OTTAWA
INTERMEDIATE BOYS	MIKE RALSTON	ILLINOIS
SENIOR LADIES	C.BAIR	ILLINOIS
SENIOR MEN "B"	FRANK LASK	MICHIGAN
SENIOR MEN "A"	MARK AFFHOLTER	MICHIGAN
NOVICE WOMEN	M.HERON	KITCHENER
MASTERS MEN	ED WARD	MICHIGAN

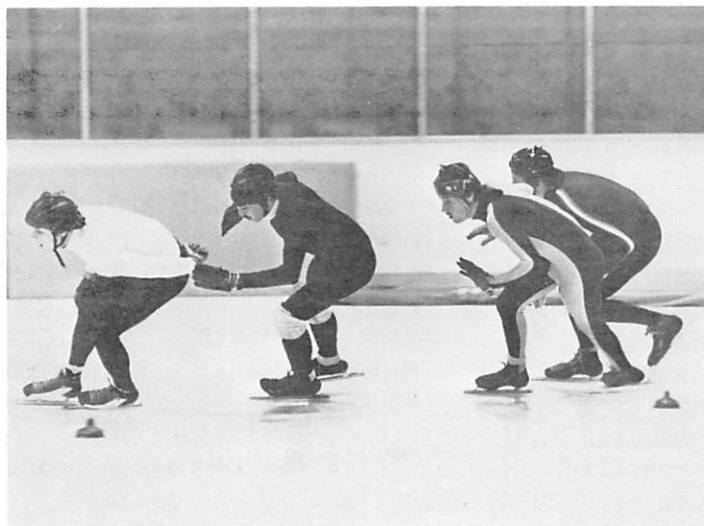
Some highlights of the competition: The competition is staged in the Conestoga Sport Complex near Kitchener and is one of the best 111m. tracks in the world • BILL OVEREND surprised the field in the 3000m race for Senior Men "A" class by breaking out in front and lapping the field • On the same week-end and on the same ice surface a series of barrel jumping competitions were staged with jumpers from Michigan, Quebec and Ontario ■



• The class champions with their Oktoberfest trophies (missing is M. Ralston of Illinois) all their names are listed above •

action at the '81 Oktoberfest

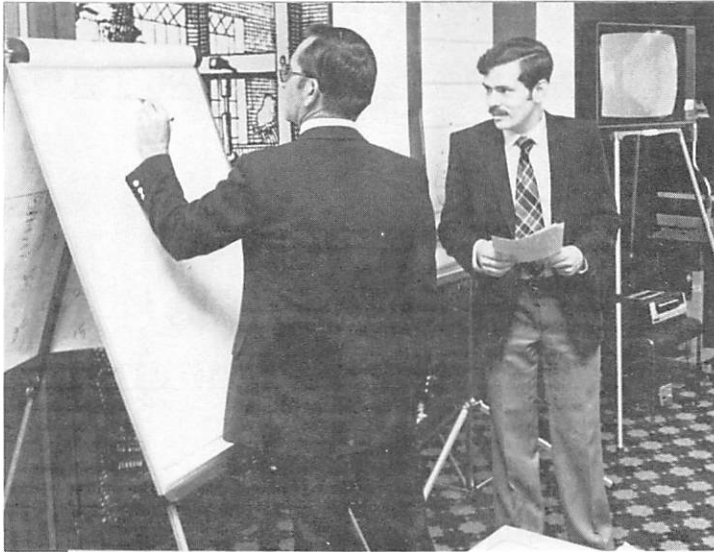
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• Top left: Juvenile Boys test the track; in third position is CLIFF RAWNSLEY of the host club, Kitchener, who was the eventual class champion • Top right: the Girls sprint around the bend, note the various styles of helmets in use today • Bottom left: Senior Ladies show determination, in second position is CONNIE BAIR of Illinois who won the class championship • Middle left: Juvenile Boys crowd the bend in an exciting race • Bottom right: Bantam Girls flash around the bend in the Oktoberfest International •

Short Trackers



• **BILL MARKLAND and REINIER OOSTHEIM deal with a test case • Is there a tie for second position or not? • How about the recorded times? •**

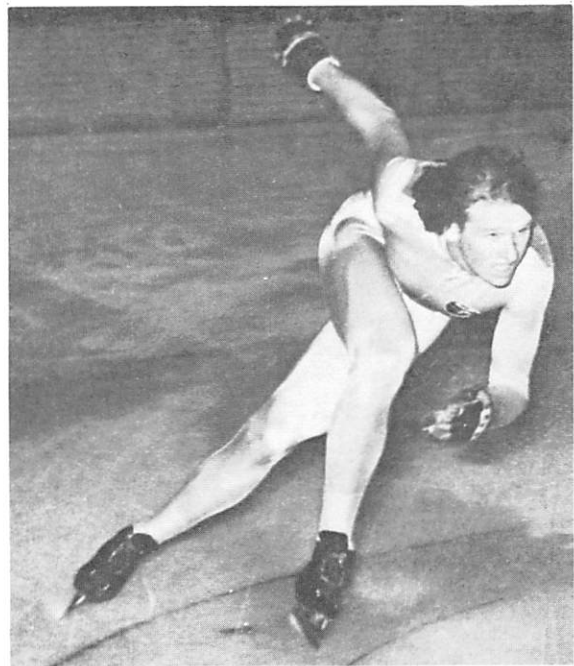
Australia Open Championships

Sydney, Australia

The Australian Open Championships were held on the 6, 7 and 8, August at the Canterbury Rink in Sydney, and as usual the 30 metre wide rink produced some very fast and exciting racing.

There was a strong international flavour at this event with Great Britain fielding an excellent team and MENNO BOELSMA from the Netherlands getting in some off-season racing.

As was expected, the Senior Mens events were dominated by MICHAEL RICHMOND and HARRY SPRAGG with RICHMOND taking out the first three events, including the 500m. in a time of 46.5 secs., and SPRAGG skating superbly to win the 3000m. final.



MIKE RICHMOND

The Ladies events developed into a very exciting struggle between GAIL SANDERCOCK and JENNY WEIR and although GAIL set a new Australian record for the 500m. in 53.9 secs., the two Ladies finally shared first place.

In the Junior events, GEORGE FABIAN found first place fairly easy, but his sister, EVA fought very hard and finally had to settle for second place to SUE SICCARDI.

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WORLD SHORT TRACK SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The Short Track Champions – an historical look...

In the interests of Short-Track speed skating, the SHORT TRACKERS is publishing the winners of the various major meets which led up to the 1981 World Short Track Speed Skating Championships in France.

International Competitions

April 9-11,1976 CHAMPAIGN, ILL, U.S.A.

Senior Men:

ALLAN RATTRAY-U.S.A.

Senior Ladies:

CELESTE CHLPATY-U.S.A.

April 16-17,1977 GRENOBLE, FRANCE

Senior Men:

GAETAN BOUCHER-CANADA

Senior Ladies:

BRENDA WEBSTER-CANADA

I.S.U. Championships

April 8-9,1978 SOLIHULL, ENGLAND

Senior Men:

JIM LYNCH-AUSTRALIA

Senior Ladies:

SARAH DOCTER-U.S.A.

April 7-8,1979 QUEBEC, CANADA

Senior Men:

HIROSHI TODA-JAPAN

Senior Ladies:

SYLVIE DAIGLE-CANADA

March 22-23,1980

MILAN, ITALY

Senior Men:

GAETAN BOUCHER-CANADA

Senior Ladies:

MIYOSHI KATO-JAPAN

World Championships

April 4-5,1981 MEUDON-LA-FORET, FRANCE

Senior Men:

BENOIT BARIL-CANADA

Senior Ladies:

MIYOSHI KATO-JAPAN

The International Relays

Senior Men - 5000m

*	1976	U.S.A.	7.54.53
*	1977	GT.BRITAIN	7.34.86
+	1978	GT.BRITAIN	8.02.13
+	1979	CANADA	8.08.59
+	1980	CANADA	7.57.78
#	1981	CANADA	7.58.43

Senior Ladies - 3000m

*	1976	U.S.A.	4.42.49
*	1977	U.S.A.	4.47.30
+	1978	JAPAN	5.28.21
+	1979	CANADA	5.07.70
+	1980	ITALY	5.06.86
#	1981	CANADA	5.14.01

* 125m. oval track

+ 110m. oval track

111m. oval track

Publications – a review

In the mail, we have received a new publication by ART GOODFELLOW entitled "The Skating Scene - The Fact Book of Skating".

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MAGNE TEIGEN of the World Speed Skating Statisticians Association has forwarded his 8-81 issue of "Skøtenytt".

This issue covers Norway's trip to China; Countrymatches and National Championships as well as results from the U.S.S.R. and Medeo, including the "Soviet Cup 1981".

Anyone interested in statistics and the results of major championships and competitions should write to MAGNE TEIGEN at BOX 31, 3628 VEGGLI, NORWAY for rates and what is available. The W.S.S.S.A.'s publications are a goldmine of information. ■

Did you know?

● JAAP MANSHANDEN, the K.N.S.B.'s Short Track leader was married recently to LENA-MARIE JONASSON, formerly of Sweden, LENA-MARIE is an approved I.S.U. Short Track Referee ● In Belgium, STAF VERBIST writes "that two new clubs have started, one at Deurne-Antwerp and another in the french speaking town of Jambes-Namur. In mid-December a new private rink opens in Louvain. At the end of the year two more will open, namely at Liedekerke (near Brussels) and at Ghent" ● BILL MARKLAND of the U.S.A. and JAAP MANSHANDEN of the Netherlands, both well-known team-leaders, intend to act as team-leaders and coach a team at the next World championship - REFEREES UNITE! ● did you know that both BILL and JAAP are desperately looking for skaters ● Did you know that the direction in which races are run is not ruled upon in the Short Track Regulations of the I.S.U. It seems that there are countries who are skating clockwise! ● The "Open" Dutch Short-Track Championships will be held in Amsterdam this coming year; March 13-14th, 1982 and will be organized by the AMSTERDAM FLYERS SPEED SKATING CLUB, for more information write to REINIER OOSTHEIM, 2' ATJEHSTRAAT, 46'', 1094 LJ AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS ● With deep regret we report the death of MARK HURREN of the Prince Alfred Speed Skating Club of Sydney, Australia, LIANE SHARP reports that he was killed in a motor cycle accident on his way home from training. MARK was racing for many years and was very popular. He had represented New South Wales many times both as a Junior and a Senior ● Unconfirmed information at hand is that JIM LYNCH of Australia was suspended from racing for a short period of time, but no reasons available? ● Efforts continue to arrange a top-flight International competition on a 111m. oval track in Canada or the U.S.A. following the 1982 World championships in Moncton, N.B. Canada ● GAETAN BOUCHER of Sainte-Foy, Quebec, Canada world record holder and one of the more capable short track skaters, worked during the summer for the massive Bell Telephone Co., in la belle Province while MIYOSHI KATO of Japan, world short track champion and record holder was employed as a receptionist at a hotel in Tokyo ● ■

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Short Trackers

1982 NORTH AMERICAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sherbrooke, Que. Canada

March 27-28, 1982

Age class championships on a "double-radius track" ● International competitions on 111m. oval track.

More details from

ROCH LOIGON

Meet-Coordinator

428 LaSapiniere, Sherbrooke, Que. Canada



● Lead by **KENICHI SUGIO** of Japan, Chinese skaters test style on the 111m. oval track in Harbin.

● The SHORT TRACKERS welcomes any suggestions to the Editor on what YOU would like to read in this Journal, we'll do our very best to obtain such items of interest ● The idea for the listing of the short track champions on Page 10, came from BEN WRIGHT of Belmont Massachusetts, U.S.A. BEN an historian for U.S. Figure Skating is also a member of the I.S.U.'s technical committee for Figure Skating - he is also a good friend of short track and a good supporter of our sport at the I.S.U. Congresses - we thank him for his idea.



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Tougher officiating

The I.S.U. Short Track Technical Committee had expressed that the Referees must be more severe, especially on the racing rules to improve the safety of the competitors.

The position of a Referee was discussed at great length and has also been compared with the position of the outdoor Referee. A Referee during a competition can very well be compared with a captain of a ship; he is also the Chief Executive Officer and at sea no one can overrule him, not even the owner of the ship. Also the owner of the World Championship, the I.S.U., or the organizing committee cannot tell the Referee what to do. Nevertheless, they may advise him and very likely that will be highly appreciated.

The necessity of good rules and a uniform interpretation is obvious to everyone who is involved with short track speed skating and can improve the conditions for nations just starting short track speed skating, for they can use our experience.

Important visitors

This seminar was the first time for Austria and Finland to be involved with international short track speed skating.

Representing the I.S.U. at the seminar was Mr. GEORG PETTERSON, Vice-President/Speed Skating and Council Member, HERMAN VAN LAER. They contributed to discussions with their experience on outdoor speed skating within the I.S.U. and they were impressed by the enthusiasm of the attending officials.

Several meetings were attended by council members of the K.N.S.B., who were also impressed of the phenomenon short track is becoming.

During the last meeting WILLIAM MARKLAND gave a summary of all subjects that had been discussed and thanked everybody for attending and the K.N.S.B. for hosting this first seminar. He also brought the Open Dutch Championships to the attention of especially the new countries as a competition that provides a highly competitive program for the skaters and contributes to the development of short track speed skating.

KNSB play good hosts

The seminar ended with a reception, offered by the City of Amstelveen and the K.N.S.B., at the Townhall of Amstelveen, were the

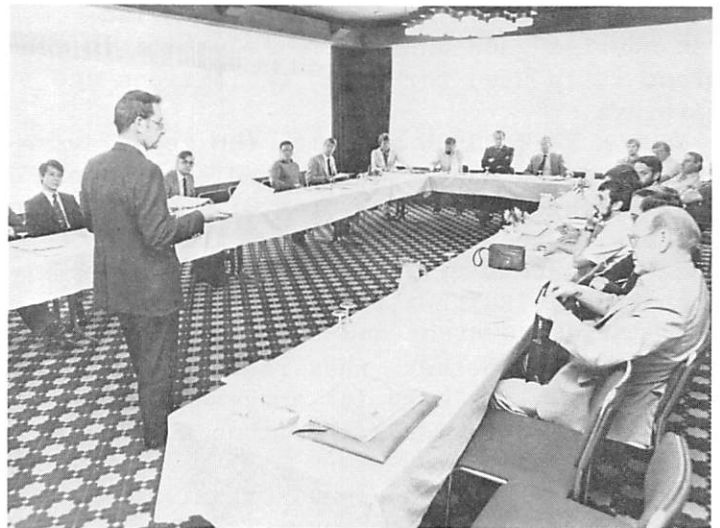
participants of the seminar were welcomed by MR. QUARLES VAN UFFORD, mayor of the City and President of the K.N.S.B.

According to the I.S.U. communication which announced this seminar, it is now up to the participants of this seminar to organize in their own countries similar seminars. Then it can be said that short track has made a good step forward to the uniform interpretation of the I.S.U. Regulations.

REINIER OOSTHEIM

Participants at the Seminar

AUSTRIA: G. Pohler, F. Lechner. AUSTRALIA: Geoff Howie. BELGIUM: J. de Landsheer. CANADA: Ron Brown, Roch Loigon. FINLAND: J. Veistola. GERMANY: H. Klehr. GREAT BRITAIN: J. Streeter, K. Pendry, D. Healy. JAPAN: H. Shirakawa, S. Nishida. NETHERLANDS: Mrs. L. M. Manshanden; G. H. Boelsma, G. C. Broere, A. J. M. van der Velde. U.S.A. Mrs. Greta Hall. FACULTY: Chairman-William Markland (U.S.A.); John Hall (Gt. Britain); Rene Marleau (Canada); R. Oostheim (Netherlands). I.S.U.: Georg Pettersson-Vice-President Speed Skating (Sweden); Herman van Laer-Council member (Netherlands). ■



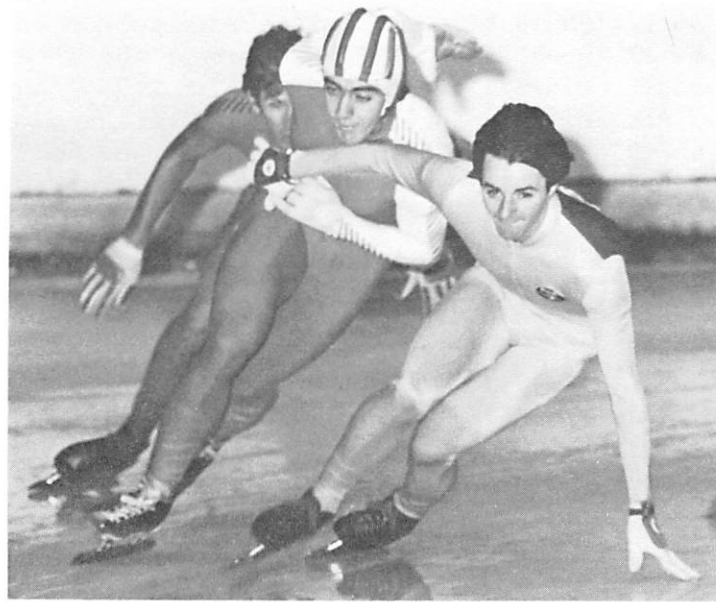
• **BILL MARKLAND** discusses an important point, in the foreground, representing the I.S.U. (on the right) is **GEORG PETTERSSON** of Sweden •

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"Australian Open Championships"...

The most competitive of all the events, however, was the battle that developed between DANNY KAH (14 years) and ANDREW MURTHA (15 years) in the Sub-Junior Men. DANNY who holds all the Australian Sub-Junior records was finally beaten by a very strong

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How they do it in Yugoslavia

During a recent visit to Sarajevo, Yugoslavia GEORG PETERSSON, the I.S.U.'s Vice President for Speed Skating visited the ice arena in that city.

The arena, 200m. x 100m. is housed in a rather large exhibition complex called "Skenderija" and when there is no ice in the arena it is used for many exhibitions and displays.

GEORGE PETERSSON met with the Yugoslavian speed skating organization to discuss among other things the 1984 Winter Olympics Games which will be staged in the vicinity.

Having made a visit there in 1978 along with RYOHEI ISHIKAWA, the writer has seen this large ice arena and talked to locals at that time on whether they raced short track style - only to learn in amazement that they race clockwise, rather than anti-clockwise as we all do.

It appears that the local organization stages what we know as "pursuit" racing as in cycling and they run preliminaries, semi-finals and semi-finals with I would imagine finals.

The track the Yugoslavians race on is perhaps the maximum they can place on this size of ice surface, that being 140m. oval.

Races are over the 1500m., 500m. and the 1000m. and we understand some good times have been skated using the pursuit style.

With this background we would certainly welcome the Yugoslavians to World short track competition. ■

JOHN HURDIS

• IAN GOOCH shot this interesting picture • is HARRY SPRAGG impeding GAETAN BOUCHER while STEVE PEARCE looks on?

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"Australian Open Championships"...

performance by ANDREW in only his second major competition. The times in this event were very fast with ANDREW skating a 50.4 sec. 500m. chasing DANNY'S record of 49.7 secs. - a definite sign of things to come.

The final of the Club Relay event looked to be interesting with the Adelaide Vikings from South Australia (RICHMOND; JAMIESON; KAH and BENNETT) with an average age of 19 years breaking their own Australian record in the semi-finals.

Then in the final, the Sydney Flyers (Spragg; Pennington; Howie and Younger) with an average age of 32 years; after dropping back in the start pulled almost level, however, they had dropped back about 15 metres again when a fall by the Vikings in the last few laps gave them first place and a new Australian record.

It is a credit to the experience of the A.A.I.R.C., that the organisation of this event went like clockwork, including the running of the finals which received Nation-wide television coverage.

CLASS WINNERS: Senior Men: M. RICHMOND; Senior Ladies: tie - G. SANDERCOCK and J. WEIR; Junior Men: G. FABIAN; Junior Ladies: S. SICCARDI; Sub-Junior Men: A. MURTHA; Intermediate Boys: D. JENKINS; Veteran Men: J. BRADBURY. ■

IAN FAGGOTTER

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"Oval vs Double Radius..."

Quite obviously the National Team skaters spend considerable amount of time training on the oval track but certainly on the double radius as well. Younger skaters learning the skills of indoor skating train almost entirely on the double radius track.

Several years of experimenting with the old "safety track", the 110m. oval and the double radius track has led to these conclusions. It seems the best for Canadian skaters.

Interestingly the worst for Canada in International Indoor competition was 1978. This was the year Canadian skaters trained and competed exclusively on the 110m. oval track. ■

Letters to the Editor

• The following is extracted from two letters to the Editor in regards to the recent I.S.U Referees Seminar on Short-Track.

"The first I.S.U. referees clinic was, in my opinion, a big success, I went not really sure what to expect but came away after three days of very informative discussions knowing that everyone had a much better idea of the interpretation of the rules.

Bill (Markland) did a super job of organizing and was ably assisted by Rene (Marleau), John (Hall) and Reinier (Oostheim). Their homework was well prepared and many lively discussions resulted from their efforts.

We were royally treated by the K.N.S.B. and owe them a big round of thanks. Everything was done almost before asking"

GRETA HALL, U.S.A.

"On behalf of all of those in attendance I would like to thank the I.S.U., the Short Track Committee, the Chairman of the Seminar—Bill Markland, and the three speakers Reinier Oostheim, John Hall and Rene Marleau.

Each and everyone of us in attendance returned to our own country with a better knowledge of the requirements for officiating the World Championships.

We will all feel confident knowing that the same interpretation will be used throughout the World.

I also on behalf of everyone wanted to thank the K.N.S.B. and in particular REINIER OOSTHEIM who spent so much time in ensuring that our stay was indeed satisfactory in every way. I personally want to thank MR. OOSTHEIM for the time he spent with the three Canadians, showing us a little of the beautiful country in which he lives. The hospitallity extended to all of us was indeed outstanding.

I think this was an excellent seminar. The arrangements and hospitallity were excellent. The Meetings themselves resolved the differences so that we can go forward consistently in all areas."

RON BROWN, Canada



• MIYOSHI KATO of Japan, the 1981 World Short Track champion skates ahead of U.S. skater GLORIA BOGACKI and Canada's MARYSE PERRAULT at Aviemore • Photo by IAN GOOCH .

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