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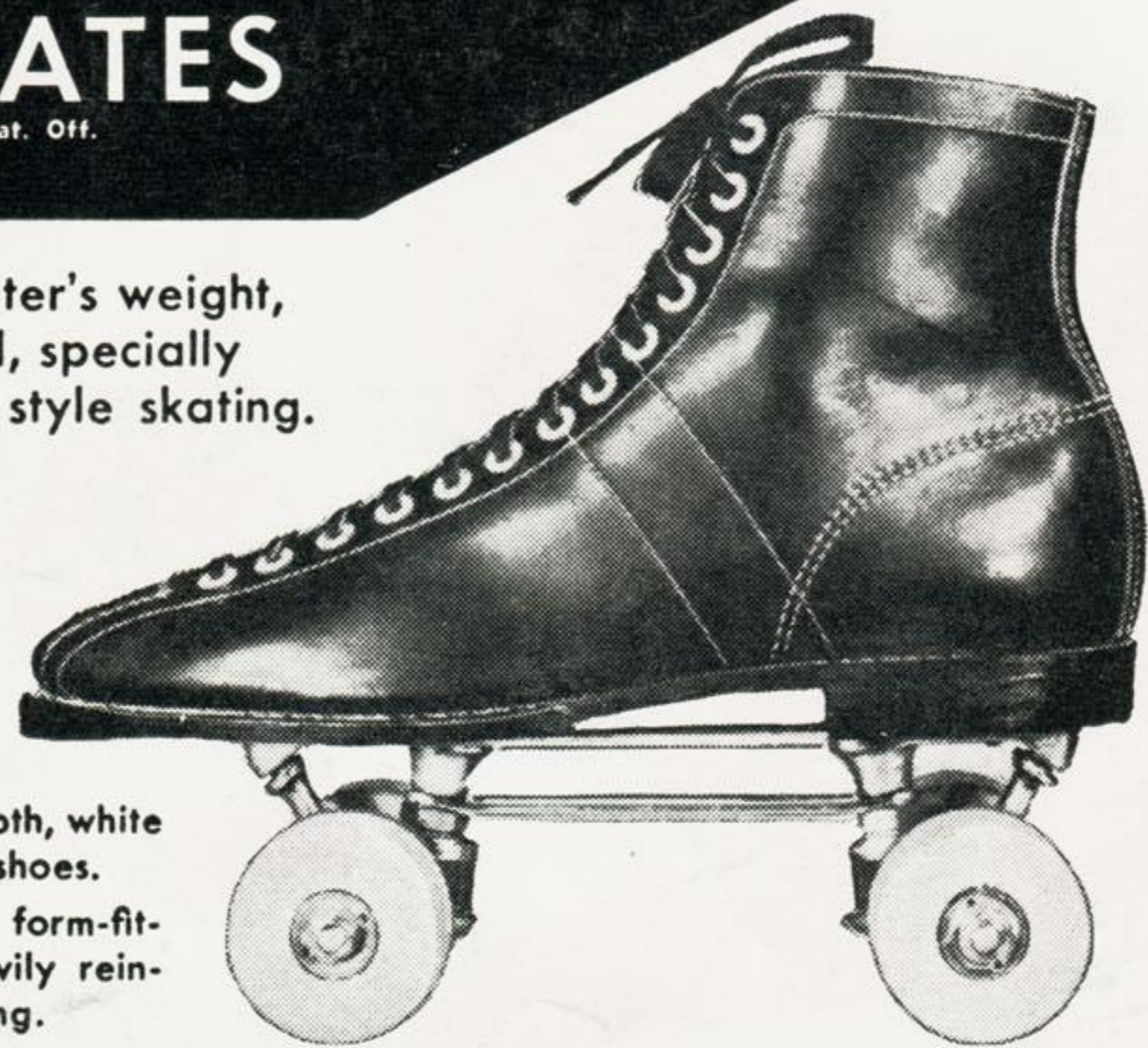


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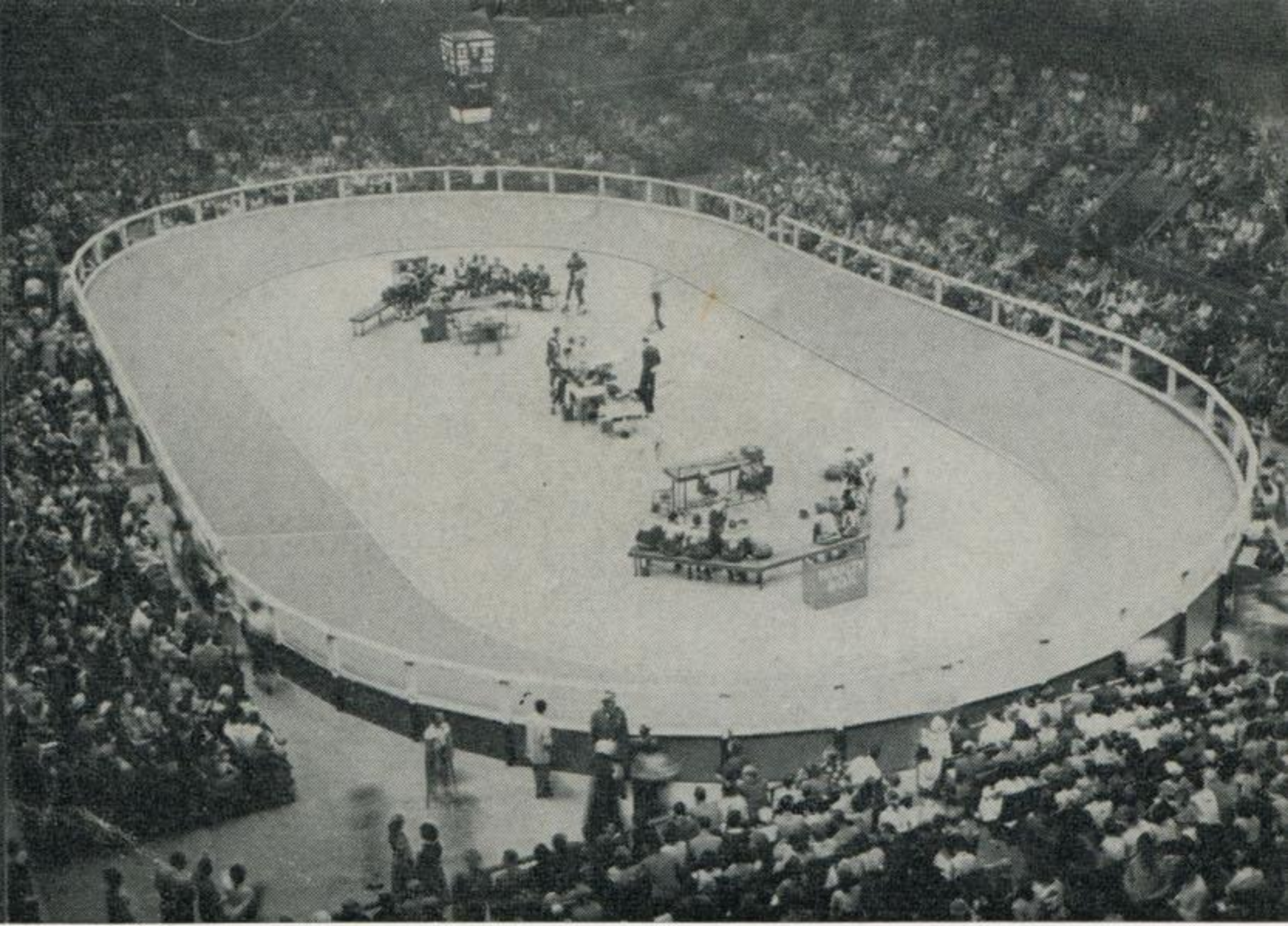
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Leo Seltzer, Managing Director of Roller Derby Associates, presents the Chesterfield Trophy to the winners of the Roller Derby 1951 World Series. The Chiefs, left to right: Gerry Murray, Billy Bogash, Gene Gammon and Bill Reynolds.



A packed house at New York's Madison Square Garden awaits final half of last game of 1951 World Series. 17,867 fans jammed the huge arena for the final game between the Chiefs and Westerners.



1951 award winners. Left to right: Annis Jensen, Carl Payne, Bert Wall, Sam Skobel, Russ Massro, Mary Lou Palermo, Irene Van Kirk, Slugger Kealey, Sid Harnesk, Midge Brasuhn, Gerry Murray, Gene Gammon, Lou Guzman, Barbara Mateer.



Most valuable players, Russ Massro and Sam Skobel shake hands as Ken Nydel, TV announcer, holds Blatz Most Valuable Player Trophy which is awarded each year at Madison Square Garden World Series.



Russ Massro, Midge Brasuhn and Sam Skobel, 1951 most valuable players hold up their Longines-Wittnauer Watches which were awarded to trio after they were voted most valuable players by newspaper writers who covered the World Series.



Rookies of the Year are presented with Roller Derby News Trophies by Leo A. Seltzer. Left to right: Irene Van Kirk, Barbara Mateer, co-winners of the Girl Rookie of the Year Trophy; Seltzer and Lou Guzman, who was voted by the coaches as top male rookie.





Top Row, left to right: Hank Goldberg, Charlie Saunders, Capt.; Jim Ciota, Hal Janowitz, Tony Prostamo, Vinnie Clarkin, Bob Venter, Ken Hansen, Buddy Atkinson, Coach.

Bottom Row, left to right: Gloria Brendt, Gloria McAuliff, Terri Anderson, Dolores Doss, Ann Calvello, Joan Hill, Ann Penderghest, Bobbie Johnstone, Capt.

# PANTHERS

**T**HE PANTHERS return to the West Coast with a new coach and a new spirit. Buddy Atkinson has replaced Elmer Anderson as coach and has instilled a fighting spirit in the black shirted Panthers.

Buddy in his brief career as a Roller Derby coach is already being hailed as one of the smartest strategists in the game. Last year the Panthers finished in the cellar during the regular season play but Atkinson is certain that the team will improve their position in the coming pennant race. The Panthers were pennant winners two years ago and the fall to the cellar was not a happy one for the once high riding club.

In spite of their low finish, the Panthers still placed two men in the top five of the scorers for the regular season. Finishing fourth was Hal Janowitz and in fifth place was the winner of the scoring crown two years ago, Spec Saunders.

Spec didn't finish closer to the top this season, because in Buddy Atkinson's coaching setup Spec is the key blocker. Spec with his speed and shiftiness is a great exponent of position

blocking. Position blocking doesn't depend on size or power but on agility and knowledge of your opponent.

Jamming strength has been added to the Panther squadron in the person of veteran Paul Millane who returned to the wheeling wars last season with the Jolters. Paul is a veteran star of Roller Derby, and if he rounds into shape will be an important cog in the Panther drive toward the top.

The girls' squad of the Panthers is little changed from last year with Bobbie Johnstone, Ann Calvello and Gloria McAuliff carrying the brunt of the attack and defense. Coach Atkinson is counting heavily on Terri Anderson and Ann Penderghest to emerge as full fledged stars of Roller Derby. Atkinson has said that Terri Anderson is potentially one of the greatest blockers in the game.

The Panthers will be out to climb up the ladder of the National Roller Derby League, and they will be out to show the Westerners that things have changed since last year when the Panthers were regular "fall guys" and lost.





Top Row, left to right: Harry Perry, Bill Laurino, Bert Wall, Russ Massro, Tommy Atkinson, Capt.; Don Rixman, Sam Marchese, Bob Satterfield.

Bottom Row, left to right: Gloria Mifsud, Loretta Behrens, Ann Pernice, Annis Jensen, Capt.; Mary Youpelle, Virginia Rushing, Mary Gray, Betty Boyd.

## WESTERNERS

**T**HE WESTERNERS return to the sunny climes of California with the proud title of pennant winners of the National Roller Derby League. Sparked by the brilliant play of Russ Massro, now in the Army, the green and white clad warriors won the regular season chase by a scant 7 percentage points over the challenging Jersey Jolters.

The Westerners' victory was a significant one. It climaxed a rise from fourth place the year before and saw the Westerners run off the longest winning streak in Roller Derby history, when they snatched 12 straight wins during mid season.

The Westerner triumph was largely due to the emergence of Bert Wall as a top wheeling star. Wall was just another pack skater a little over a year ago, but under the careful tutelage of Massro and aided by the expert blocking of Tommy Atkinson, the little speedster came into his own as a Roller Derby great.

In the past season Wall led the regular season scorers with 649 points breaking the Roller Derby record set the year previously by Spec Saunders of the Panthers. Scoring over 600 points in Roller Derby is comparable to batting over 400 in baseball. It means an average of

3 points a game and a consistency of effort. Wall had the scoring tricks when the chips were down and his power and speed make him a good bet for future all time all star honors in Roller Derby.

When passing out the laurels for the Westerners' triumph let's not forget the gal from San Francisco who captains the Westerner girls. Of course we mean Annis Jensen, who single-handed held the Westerner girls together and sparked them against stronger opposition through the rest of the league.

Annis was aided by Miffie Mifsud and the rise of Virginia Rushing who demonstrated for the first time the star potentialities that were predicted for her when she first broke into the wheeling whirl in 1948.

The Westerners will feature a wide open slam bang type of play designed to get there "firstest with the mostest," meaning points, of course. They have the jammers to accomplish this, too, with Wall, Harnesk and Marchese in the men's field and Jensen, Mifsud and Brendt for the girls. The blocking is in the capable hands of Tommy Atkinson who ranks with the greatest of Roller Derby blockers.





**BUDDY ATKINSON**, one of the most colorful and exciting personalities in the game. Served three years with the infantry in the Pacific. Married to teammate Bobbie Johnstone. They have two children, Buddy, Jr. and Julie Jeanne. Has been with the Roller Derby since 1937, except for his war service. Home town is New York City and golfing is his hobby.



**BETTY BOYD**, known as "Little Red" in Roller Derby circles. Was a sensation in her rookie year. Home — Chattanooga, Tennessee. Married to Bob Satterfield — has one child, Donna. Almost released during the early 1950 campaign, but found her scoring touch and astounded the fans with a half-season total of 114 points. Now considered a real Roller Derby star.



**GLORIA BRENDT**, born in Canada of French descent, now makes her home in Chicago. Joined the Derby in March 1949, and was a member of the World Champion New York Chiefs in her rookie year. Probably the best dressed gal off the track of all the Roller Derby skaters.



**ANN CALVELLO**, California girl, born in San Francisco and joined the Derby at Oakland. Admits that she picked the Roller Derby because it was a way to travel around the country with expenses paid. Has financed trips to Europe and points in the Pacific with her savings. Has reputation of being a fearless jammer and often takes extraordinary chances to score points. Finished 4th in girls' division with 429 points scored last season.



**TOMMY ATKINSON**, real old timer in the Roller Derby, joining it in 1936 when girl-boy teams were competing in marathon runs. Originator of the jump-and-hip block. Has had 11 brain concussions but oddly enough has never broken a bone in all his years of whirling. Once had to be rescued from an enraged crowd by the Columbus, Ohio police force, after skulling Bill Freeman, local home-town product.



**DOLORES DOSS** celebrated her Derby debut by receiving a black eye in her first night of competition. Since then she has been meting out her share of bruising blows. Was a mainstay on defense for the Panthers when they won the pennant in 1950. Previous occupations were nurse's aide and car hop. Is an expert knitter and maintains it's her favorite form of relaxation.





**SID HARNESK** is 25 years old, a native of Chicago. He joined the Derby in 1945. Spent 14 months with the paratroopers until an aggravated Derby injury led to a medical discharge in 1949. Member of All-America team for second straight year. Built like a halfback at 185 pounds and an even six feet. Sid scored a total of 506 points this past year. Was member of All-Star team that defeated the Chiefs in three straight games in Chicago in June.



**HANK GOLDBERG**, outstanding speedster. Ran away with Rookie of the Year honors in 1950. His bobby sox popularity has earned the nickname "Sinatra on Skates." Emulates his tutor and idol, Billy Bogash, with the running-jump style of skating. Annexed the Regional Flat Races Championship at Worcester, Massachusetts in 1948 and 1949. Was skilled dance skater before joining the Derby. Home town—Brooklyn, New York.



**HAROLD JANOWITZ** hails from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Served 3½ years in the Navy, all aboard aircraft carriers. Took course at Minneapolis School of Business before joining Derby in 1948. Has had several injuries, all of which resulted in a total of 16 stitches on his face. Good surgery has spared any noticeable scarring. Excels in scoring . . . finished in fourth place in the '50-'51 season with 543 points.



**ANNIS JENSEN**, a versatile amateur athlete in her pre-wheeling days. Starred as a tumbler, wrestler, pitcher, diver and figure skater. Joined the Derby in 1940, met and married Russ Baker in 1943 and now has two lovely daughters, Frances and Barbara. A mature, clever operator and a steady influence on the rookie skaters of her club.



**BOBBIE JOHNSTONE**, born in Provo, Utah, but makes New York City her home. Was rink instructor before joining the Roller Derby. Married to teammate Buddy Atkinson, and has two children, Buddy, Jr. and Julie Jeanne. Helped out at stage door canteen all during war period. One of the brawniest girl skaters and outstanding blockers in the game.



**RUSS MASSRO**, product of Chicago's North Side. Failed to make the Derby try-outs three times but refused to quit. Took job as skate shop boy and practiced at every opportunity. Earned the nickname of "Rubber Legs" because of his weird efforts in trying to master the banked track. Earned his reward early in the 1951 season when he was made coach of the Westerners, and later tied for honors as most valuable male player during World Series.





**GLORIA McAULIFF** practically had herself written into the Roller Derby, when, as an autograph hound, she approached Spec Saunders for his signature. On Spec's suggestion, she trained diligently and finally made the grade when the Derby returned to Philadelphia in 1948. Played for the Chiefs first but was later traded to the Panthers and met up with her former idol, Saunders.



**HARRY PERRY** had a hard time breaking into the Roller Derby because of his size and weight. The 6' 2", 200 lb. skater was originally a skate guard. Lacked polish when he joined the Westerners and was traded to Brooklyn where he began to show defensive ability. Westerners took him back in a 1950 trading deal and he has been a dominant force in their pennant drive. Hobby is building model trains.



**VIRGINIA RUSHING** is a real team player. She's the one who'll throw a key block, score a point or cut off a jam when the other team threatens to score. So scared on her first '48 try-out that she left before her skates were laced. Incurred serious injuries twice during 1949 but refused to quit. She's the answer to a coach's prayer in a point crisis.



**BOB SATTERFIELD** has had a very rugged career. Forced to work at the age of 12 and has tried his hand as a carnival pitch man, circus roustabout, merchant sailor, truck driver and salesman. Feels his greatest success and happiness is in the Roller Derby. Twice torpedoed while in the Merchant Marine during the war. Married Betty Boyd in 1946. Doctors once felt that he would never skate again because of a bad Derby spill in 1941 which resulted in a skull fracture.



**SPEC SAUNDERS** made the Roller Derby in 1942 despite poor eyesight handicap. His now famous "shriek whistle" is known to track-side viewers as the signal to teammates to put a scoring play into motion. He took top scoring honors in 1950 with 503 points and was chosen for the All Star team. Masterminded the Panthers to the pennant in 1950. His style of jump-skating makes him one of the most feared wheelers in the league.



**BERT WALL** was a steady, methodical performer until the 1951 season. Then, with the advent of the open game, Wall's feinting and quick opening bursts were responsible for his blossoming into a scoring sensation. Was a member of the famed 82nd Airborne Division in the last war. Hails from San Francisco where he won the California Flat Track Speed Championship three years in a row. Took top honors in scoring during past season with a record total of 649 markers.



**WESTERNERS**

	POINTS	PENALTIES
<b>2</b> Coach Sid Harnesk Capt. Annis Jensen		
<b>3</b> Sam Marchese Ann Pernice		
<b>4</b> Tommy Atkinson Gloria Mifsud		
<b>5</b> Bob Satterfield Betty Boyd		
<b>6</b> Russ Baker Virginia Rushing		
<b>7</b> Capt. Bert Wall Mary Youpelle		
<b>8</b> Bill Laurino Gloria Brendt		
<b>9</b> Red Erdman Irene Van Kirk		
<b>10</b> Roger Schroeder Nancy Hinton		
<b>11</b> Harry Perry		

**PANTHERS**

	POINTS	PENALTIES
<b>32</b> Terri Andersen		
<b>33</b> Bob Venter Dolores Doss		
<b>34</b> Harold Janowitz Gloria McAuliff		
<b>35</b> Coach Buddy Atkinson Capt. Bobbie Johnstone		
<b>36</b> Ken Hansen Ann Penderghest		
<b>37</b> Hank Goldberg		
<b>38</b> Matt Kanzler Joan Hill		
<b>39</b> Paul Millane Carmen Zeni		
<b>40</b> Capt. Charlie Saunders Ann Calvello		

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## PANTHERS

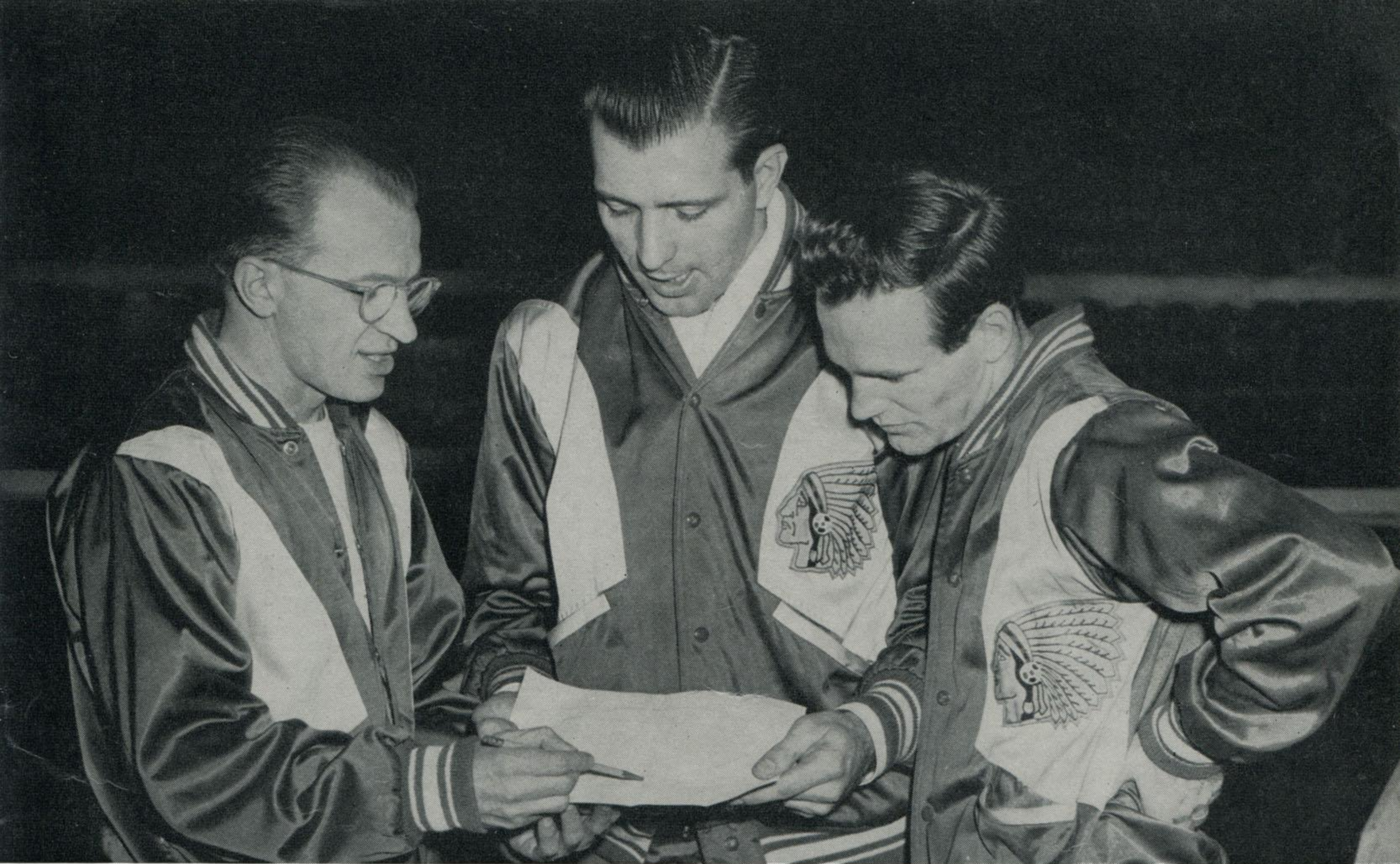
NO.	NAME	NICKNAME	HOMETOWN	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
33	Bob Venter	Smiley	Brooklyn, N. Y.	19	6.0	160
34	Harold Janowitz	Bones	Minneapolis, Minn.	26	5.11	165
35	Coach Buddy Atkinson	Hokey	Bridgeport, Conn.	34	5.8 1/2	160
36	Ken Hansen	Bullet	Buffalo, N. Y.	21	5.11	147
37	Hank Goldberg		Brooklyn, N. Y.	25	5.5	140
38	Matt Kanzler		Bronx, N. Y.	24	5.7	150
39	Paul Millane		Chicago, Ill.	30	5.8	165
40	Capt. Charlie Saunders	Specs	Louisville, Ky.	26	5.9 1/2	170
32	Terri Andersen		Plainfield, N. J.	21	5.4	137
33	Dolores Doss		Milwaukee, Wisc.	20	5.7	135
34	Gloria McAuliff	Mickey	Chicago, Ill.	21	5.3	117
35	Cpt. Bobbie Johnstone	Stonewall	Provo, Utah	31	5.5	132
36	Ann Penderghest		Laurel Hts., N. J.	18	5.3	118
38	Joan Hill		Brooklyn, N. Y.	21	5.2	121
39	Carmen Zeni		Brooklyn, N. Y.	21	5.4	119
40	Ann Calvello	Frisco	San Francisco, Calif.	21	5.6 1/2	125

## WESTERNERS

NO.	NAME	NICKNAME	HOMETOWN	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
2	Coach Sid Harnesk	Smilin' Sid	Chicago, Ill.	25	6.0	185
3	Sam Marchese	Blackie	Buffalo, N. Y.	23	5.10	175
4	Tommy Atkinson	T. A.	New York City	31	6.0	150
5	Bob Satterfield	Yak-Yak	Chicago, Ill.	31	5.6	170
6	Russ Baker	Rosie	Chicago, Ill.	34	6.0	205
7	Capt. Bert Wall		San Francisco, Calif.	27	5.6	162
8	Bill Laurino		Chicago, Ill.	19	5.11	160
9	Red Erdman		Chicago, Ill.	27	5.11	160
10	Roger Schroeder		New York City	20	6.0	165
11	Harry Perry		Chicago, Ill.	25	6.2	200
2	Capt. Annis Jensen	Big Red	San Francisco, Calif.	29	5.3	135
3	Ann Pernice		Bronx, N. Y.	19	5.5	140
4	Gloria Mifsud	Miffie	San Francisco, Calif.	22	5.2	110
5	Betty Boyd		Chattanooga, Tenn.	24	5.0	107
6	Virginia Rushing	Ginny	Oklahoma City, Okla.	23	5.5	130
7	Mary Youpelle	Pocahontas	Chicago, Ill.	31	5.2	125
8	Gloria Brendt	Gorgeous	Chicago, Ill.	21	5.3	120
9	Irene Van Kirk		Chicago, Ill.	24	5.8	145
10	Nancy Hinton		Buffalo, N. Y.	21	5.5 1/2	132

THE OFFICIAL TIMING WATCH FOR THE NATIONAL ROLLER DERBY IS LONGINES —  
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Reading left to right, Billy Bogash, Gene Gammon and Bill Reynolds map out offensive strategy to be used in new "open game" attack.

## THE OPEN GAME *by DICK BRODERICK*

**W**EBSTER DEFINES "STATIONARY" as something fixed or not moving. But in Roller Derby, things really began to move when "stationary" came into the game. It all happened just before Christmas, 1950 when the Rules Committee decided that in blocking the elbow was to be held stationary and that the moving elbow block was illegal.

Result? The Open Game was born. What is it and what does it mean to Roller Derby?

Simply, the Open Game is just what the name indicates. It is a free-skating madhouse. In comparison to other sports, the open game should revolutionize Roller Derby the same way the T-formation revolutionized football.

For years football teams concentrated on the power-dependent single-wing formation. There was little attempt at guile. Everything hinged on power and chop blocks.

Then, in 1940, the Chicago Bears of professional football and the Stanford Indians of college ball inaugurated the T with such devastating results that today 90% of all football teams, college and professional, have adopted it. In the T, the emphasis is on the quick-opener and brush-blocking. It is a faster, harder and rougher style of play. The same holds true for the open game in Roller Derby.

When the moving elbow block was declared illegal, coaches of the Six National Roller Derby League teams were quick to realize that a new system of offensive and defensive strategy was needed.

The old power play as exemplified by the Panthers was on the way out. In this play the jamming skater would signal his pack teammates and they would block and hold the

opposition to permit the jammer to score.

In the open game such strategy can no longer work. Now the brunt of the scoring must be borne by the jammer and points will come only when the jammer is speedier and shiftier than the blockers. Brush-blocking, with the emphasis on throwing a skater off balance, will become of paramount importance.

As a natural result of these tactics the game is now speeded up even more and individual rivalry and effort is heightened. Beside a harder, rougher, more interesting game, the open game will see the rise of many hitherto unknowns. Several young wheelers who have been buried in the background will emerge to play leading roles in the stretch drive for the National Roller Derby League Pennant.

Stars of the future are being born on the banked track right now in this new open game. Already recognized as a great is Bert Wall. Only a year ago Bert was just another wheeler. Today, his speed and shifty skating have catapulted him to the top strata of skating stardom. Others will also grow up overnight. A few to keep your eye on are Roger Schroeder, Hank Goldberg and Bob Venter.

As far as the teams are concerned, the open game will mean the need for a stronger bench. The faster skating necessitates frequent substitutions if a club wishes to maintain its full drive and scoring potentialities.

That's the Open Game in a nutshell—a new radical shift in Roller Derby strategy that will be talked about for years to come. It makes the Roller Derby harder, rougher and more thrilling—if that's possible.



# **NEW OFFICIAL ROLLER DERBY RULES AND REGULATIONS\***

Each night's racing shall consist of two halves of four 12-minute periods each.

A team consists of ten regular and not more than ten alternate or substitute skaters.

The boy and girl skaters will wear identical numbers and colors and will alternate in 12-minute skating periods.

A "jam" is an effort to lap the field and score a POINT. A JAM occurs when one or more skaters break away from the rest of the field and tries to score. A buzzer or whistle will signify the start of a jam after the entire field of skaters is well bunched. In order to score, the skater or skaters going out on the jam must completely encircle the track, come in behind the field and pass at least one member of the opposing team. This must be done within the OFFICIAL time limit for a jam, which is TWO MINUTES.

At the conclusion of the game a jam must be completed even if the final gun has been sounded.

A skater cannot be considered on a jam unless he is approximately 20 feet in front of the field.

## **Points are scored as follows:**

- a—For completing a jam by lapping the field and passing one or two members of the opposing team .....1 Point
- b—Passing three or four members of the opposing team.....2 Points
- c—Passing all five of the opposing team .....5 Points
- d—With one skater in the penalty box, the opposition may score 1 point by passing one skater, 2 points by passing two skaters and 5 points by passing four skaters. With two skaters in the penalty box, the opposition may score 2 points by passing one skater and 5 points by passing the three remaining skaters on the track.
- e—If a jam skater is fouled by a blocker, the jam skater will be awarded 1 point just as if he had passed the fouling skater. If he is fouled after passing two of the opposition he will receive 2 points and 5 points if fouled after passing three or four.
- f—A blocker may be passed for more than one point by the SAME jam skater if the jam skater laps the blocker for the second time.

## **A jam is concluded for any of the following reasons:**

- a—The expiration of the 2-minute time limit on each jam.
- b—If the leading jam skater falls.
- c—If the leading jam skater leaves the track with both skates.
- d—In the case of an official time out (permitted any time).
- e—By the leading jam skater placing both hands on his hips.

## **PENALTIES**

- a—Two minute penalties are assessed for holding, illegal blocking, and minor fouls.
- b—A three minute penalty is assessed when, in the opinion of the officials, a defensive blocker intentionally fouls the leading jam skater in order to keep him from scoring.
- c—A five minute penalty is assessed in cases of severe roughness and insubordination.
- d—Banishment is assessed when a skater makes a malicious attack on a referee or another skater, or, at the discretion of the referees, for any extreme cases of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- e—A skater accumulating 12 or more minutes in penalty time in one game is automatically ruled out of the game. His substitute will serve out the time of the last penalty.
- f—If a penalized skater does not leave the track immediately or interferes with the remainder of the field, he will receive an additional two minutes in the penalty box.

## **BLOCKING**

A player may block an opponent with any part of his body except with his feet or with any part of the arm below the elbow.

In blocking, the elbow must not touch an opponent above the shoulders nor used in an upward, downward or backward motion. The bent elbow can be extended out from the body but must be held rigid.

## **OVERTIME**

There can be no tie games. If at the end of the eighth period the score is tied, the game will go into overtime, as follows:

The girls and boys will alternate five minute skating periods until a point is scored. The team scoring the first point will be declared the winner. In the overtime, the two-minute time limit will be in effect on all jams.



# REFEREE'S SIGNALS



NO SCORE



POINTS SCORED



JAM CALLED OFF



JAM OFF -  
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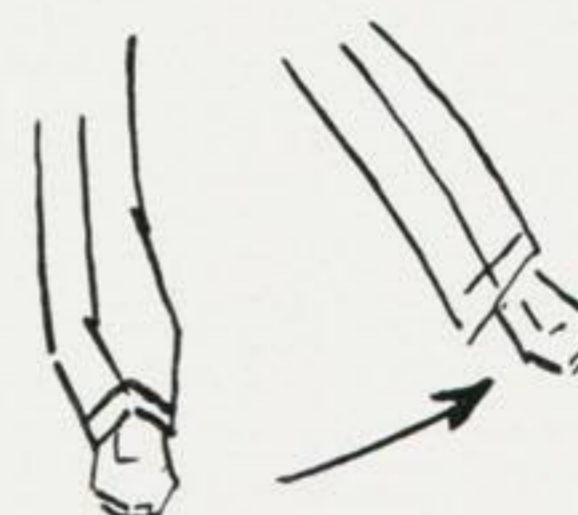
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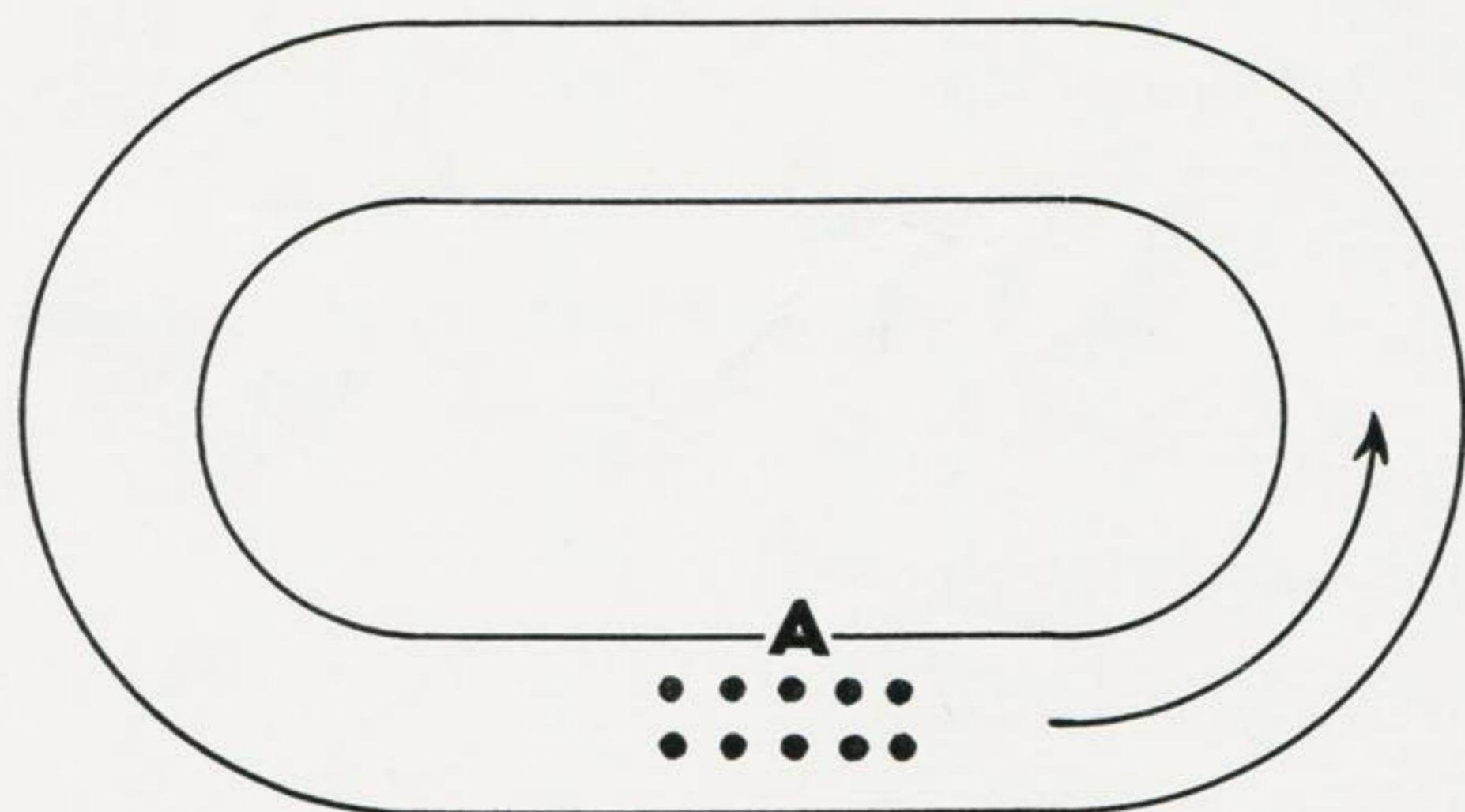
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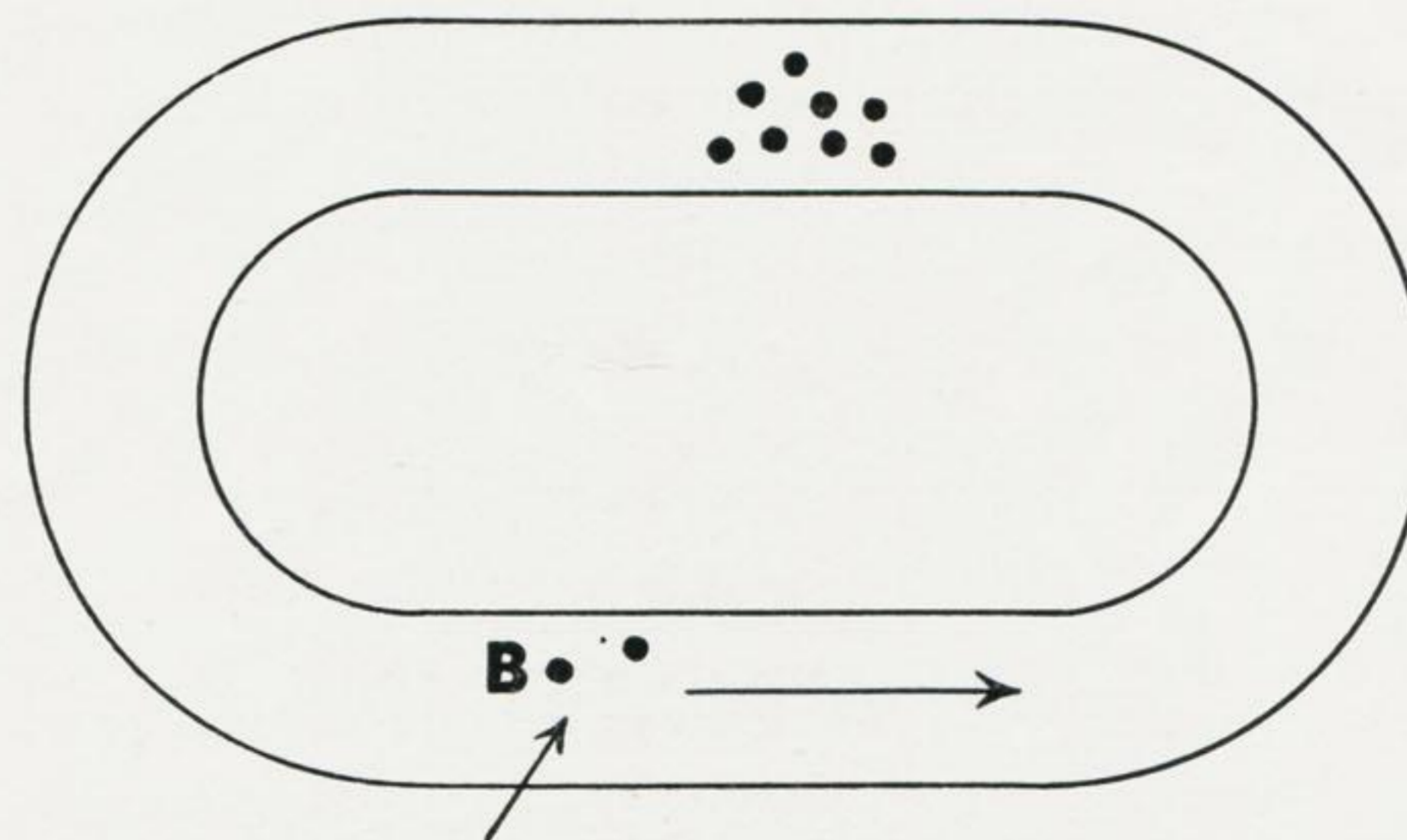
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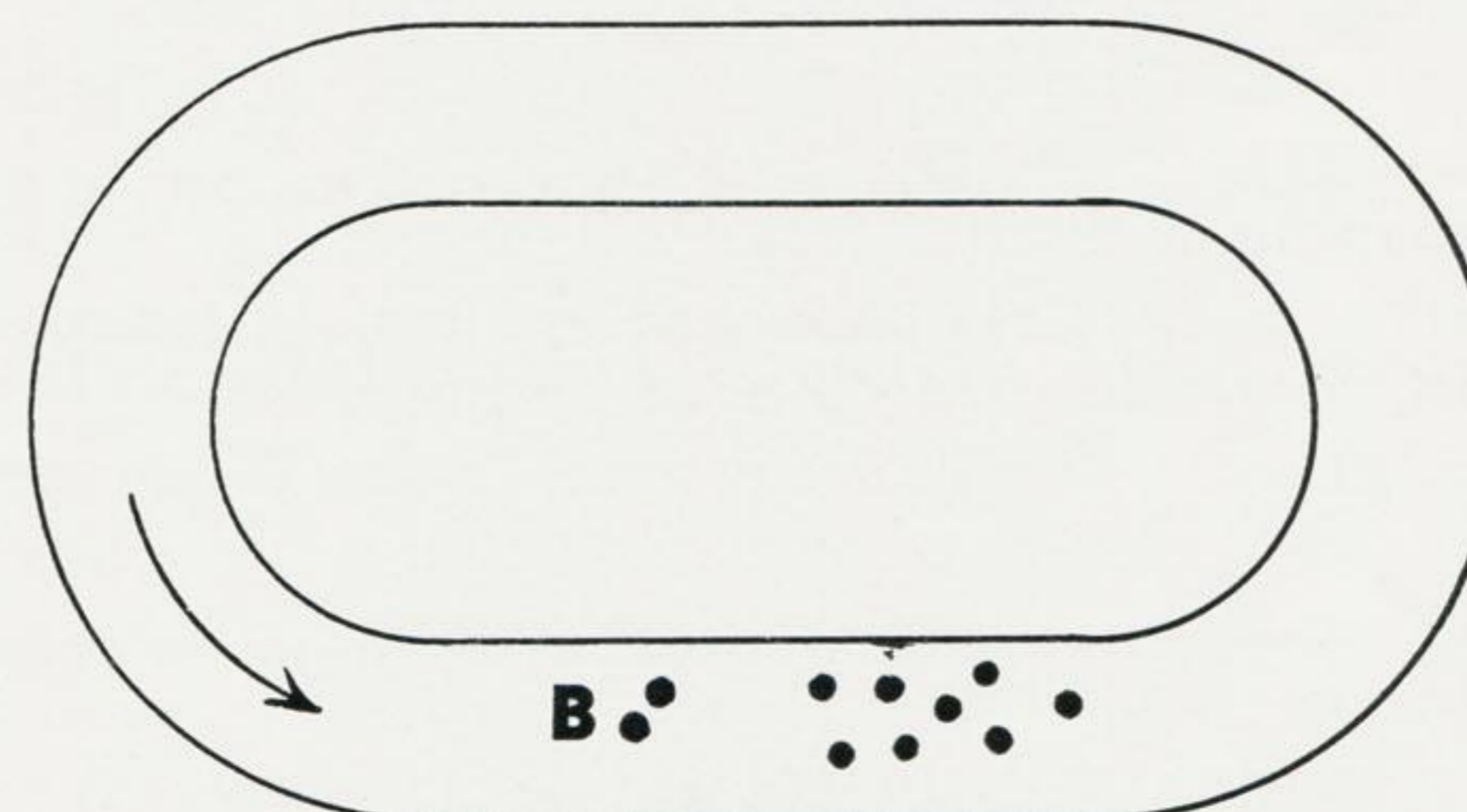


All jams start from the pack (A).



Jam skaters (B) are those who break away from the rest of the field (pack) and try to lap the opposition.

Jam skaters (B) moving in on back of pack. A point is scored by passing a member of the opposing team; two points if 3 players are passed; and five points if 5 players are passed. This must be done within two minutes.





## ***Notes on the Westerners and Panthers***

**D**ON RIXMAN, promising rookie with the Westerners, who finished second in the Rookie of the Year balloting, has changed uniforms since the World Series at Madison Square Garden. Don is now wearing khaki and becomes the fourth Roller Derby wheeler to be called by Uncle Sam. Prior to Rixman, Herbie Plump and Frank Baeli of the Jolters had been drafted, and Rusty Brand, also of the Jersey team had enlisted in the Wacs . . . Lou Guzman, from California, won't be seen on the Coast this year. Lou, who skated last season for the Panthers, was traded in February to the World Champion New York Chiefs . . . Buddy Atkinson, coach of the Panthers, and Bobbie Johnstone, captain of the girls' squad, are husband and wife. Buddy and Bobbie drove to the Coast after the All-Star game in Chicago with their young daughter, Julie. On the way they stopped at Bobbie's home in Provo, Utah to pick up their 10-year-old son, Billy. Buddy and his wife picked up that healthy tan while lolling on the beaches at Santa Monica . . . Two girls who are glad to be back on the West Coast are Ann Calvello of the Panthers and Miffie Mifsud of the Westerners. Both wheeling lassies call California home. Ann is originally from the East but her father, a merchant seaman, settled on California as his home base . . . Another lass who is happy to be home is Annis Jensen of the Westerners. Annis, who captains the Westerner girls' team, calls San Francisco home. Annis' husband, Russ Baker, is also back in the line-up with the Westerners, and his fierce blocking will help the club in their games with the Panthers . . . Irene Van Kirk, Rookie of the Year for the '50-'51 season and a newcomer to the Westerners, is one of the tallest gals in Roller Derby. Irene will be seeing the West Coast for the first time . . . Veteran fans of Roller Derby will be quick to recognize the fluid jamming style of Paul Millane of the Panthers. Paul returned to banked track mayhem last year after a prolonged absence. His scoring prowess will be a big asset to the Westerners . . . Hot contenders for honors as Miss Roller Derby, the contest currently being sponsored by Roller Derby News, are Virginia Rushing of the Westerners, Carmen Zeni of the

Panthers, Irene Van Kirk of the Westerners and Dolores Doss of the Panthers . . . Nine members of the Panthers and Westerners were on the All-Star team that trounced the World Champion Chiefs in a 3-game series at Chicago Coliseum. The eight were Sid Harnesk, Russ Massro, Bert Wall, Tommy Atkinson and Annis Jensen of the Westerners, and Spec Saunders, Buddy Atkinson, Bobbie Johnstone and Ann Calvello of the Panthers. Spec Saunders didn't skate, however. He was busy on June 9th, getting married to pretty Joan Hill of the Panther squad . . . Hey, we almost forgot another hot contender for Roller Derby Queen honors. Of course, we mean Gloria Brendt of the Westerners. Gloria fills out a bathing suit to perfection. Incidentally, Gloria is rated as the best dressed gal in Roller Derby . . . Quiet Hal Janowitz may become a big name star in the coming season. Hal has been getting better and better with each passing year and many experts feel that 1952 will be the year that Hal will blossom into a full fledged Roller Derby great . . . Besides Irene Van Kirk, Rookie of the Year in 1951, West Coast fans will see the girl who finished third in Rookie voting, young Ann Penderghest of the Panthers . . . Roller Derby is a mighty rough sport, but three of the Panthers sport glasses while they wheel around the banked track. The three are Bobbie Johnstone, Spec Saunders and Ann Penderghest, and the odd thing about the whole situation is that, although the three have suffered every known injury including broken bones galore, their glasses have never been broken on the masonite track . . . Mary Youpelle, the old tomahawk gal, will be in her 12th season as a Roller Derby star this coming year. Mary was a member of the original All-Star team that was voted by the fans way back in 1941. The only other active player on that first All-Star team is Billy Bogash of the New York Chiefs . . . Young Sam Marchese has developed fast during the past year, to become one of the surest jammers in the Roller Derby. Sam always had lots of fire and plenty of nerve, and this alone has overcome his shortcomings. He is rapidly approaching the star category.





Here's a special treat for Roller Derby fans — a pin-up picture of Arthur MacArthur, son of General and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur. He is being presented with a pair of Official Roller Derby Rink Skates by Gerry Murray, Captain of the New York Chiefs girls team. Picture was taken at the time of the World Series in Madison Square Garden. Young MacArthur first saw the Roller Derby in Tokyo when he watched the movie "Fireball" and expressed a desire to see the real thing.



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