

NEWS FROM USISA

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KELLOGG'S SPONSORSHIP

Look for Dan Jansen on your market shelves as a featured athlete on boxes of Corn Flakes. Along with unveiling of the new package design, Kellogg's announced their sponsorship of the 1992 US Olympic Speedskating Team. Only six other teams will be sponsored: figure and hockey skating, skiing, swimming, bobsled and volleyball. Local girl/World Figure Skating Champion Kristi Yamaguchi will grace packages of Special K. Kellogg's has pledged \$1 million to support the training of athletes in the seven team's.

If you purchase Kellogg's cereal soon, be sure to get the special edition of Sports Illustrated, with articles and photos showing highlights of the Winter Olympics from 1924 to present. Go to the store manager and beg and plead for extras. Tell him you are a representative of GGSS and that we have a lot of kids involved in our non-profit organization. (Hurry, before all the local bobsled teams snap them up.) Can you find the photos of '60 silver medalist Bill Disney and '72 gold winner Diane Holm?

SEASON OPENS WITH A SPLASH

Caught in the crossfire of a Super Soaker 100 and various other Water Weapons, GGSS'ers scarfed down Pat Sehl's barbequed birds and lots of other good stuff at Pat and Barbara's home in San Mateo.

Personally, I'm still drying out socks, towels, jeans, shirts, skates and "unmentionables", planning my revenge against the owner of the Super Soaker 100. (Editor's note: Watch, out Travis!! You can still skate faster than Cornelia, but we may let her water the track during your race.) That thing changed hands so many times, it was impossible to determine who owned it!! The most common reprimand was "If your kid gets me, you go in the pool." As soon as the crossfire died down, "Jaws" Crater, cruising the pool, capsized anyone and anything that hadn't already been blasted. Diversionary tactics were put into play by Gordon Marshall, who arrived with two gallons of ice cream for approximately six children, all of whom already had eaten their weight in Sara Laufer's truffles.

"SECRETS OF SPEED"

This production was filmed this summer in Calgary using the US Long Track team. It will be shown approximately 15 times on ESPN before the 1992 Olympics. The sponsor is JEEP/EAGLE. Check your TV guide and set your VCR if you want a copy of this one. Greg and Mary say it is excellent. The program concentrates on Long-Track, but the interviews with the team members and coach Peter Mueller

are great.

THE UPHILL SKATER

Gordon looked too fresh for a guy who had SKATED the California Mile earlier in the day. The flat lands in the financial district were easy, but he and about 15 other die-hard skeeler-ers raced (struggled) up the five steep blocks to the top of Nob Hill. The only casualty was Team Kryptonics member Greg Levein, who, while surging to first place in the last 10 yards of the race, was doxed by an errant cable car track. Hey, who put that thing there? Ouch.

MORE DATA by: greg wong

Recently I developed an interest in using spreadsheets on my xcomputer. Wow, I could do my checkbook, work x the budget, plot the path of the Magellan Space Probe across the face of Venus. Nahhh, someone else in the association is already doing that. I set out on a quest for data to plug into my spreadsheet. Hmmm, just got back from some races in Oregon. Jerry Search has been talking to me about lap times, I guess I'll get out the video of the race and get some **DATA**! After sitting in front of the TV with a piece of paper and a stopwatch for 47:03.07 minutes.

I accumulated enough **DATA** to plug into my spreadsheet. Now what do I do with it? Find the tangent, add it to my address, find the square root of it. What's this? A graph option! Wow, visual stuff and pictures that I could color.

Pumping the numbers through the graph routine generated a squiggly line. It looked pretty lonesome. It looked like I bumped the printer while it was printing.

I decided that I needed **MORE DATA**. Hey, I can put more splits in my spreadsheet. Let's see how the other two GGSS skaters did. Wow, more squiggly lines, I had an urge to adjust the vertical hold on my monitor.

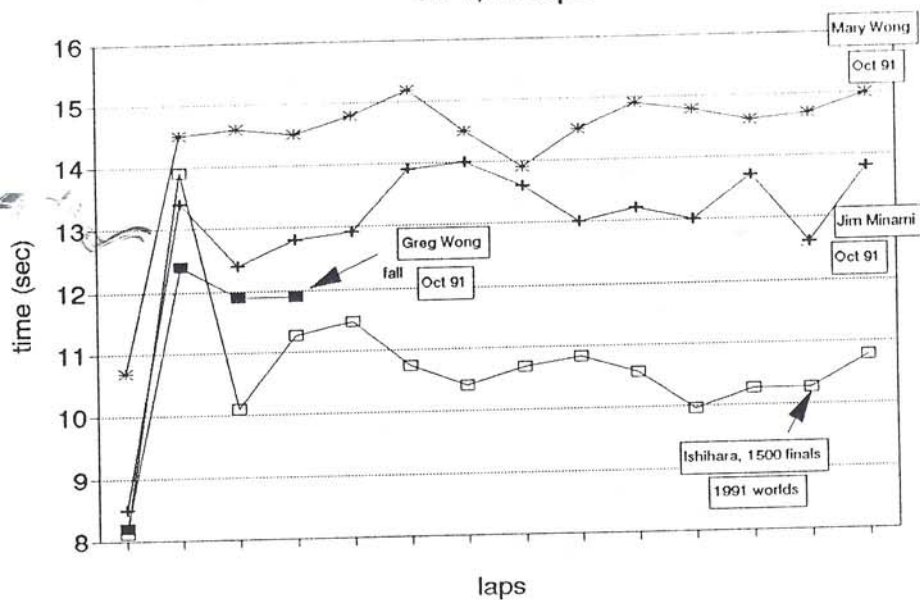
Now I said to myself, "I wonder what this all means?". Looking at the graph and the video, I noticed that when a pass was made, the line went down (faster). I also noticed that when there was a fall, the line went up (slower).

Being a glutton for punishment, I decided the I wanted **MORE DATA**! Let's see I could make up some numbers. Nope, not very sporting! Well back to the video library.. Star Wars, Dumbo, Jane Fonda... **1990 World Speedskating Championship**! Wow, Jerry Search pulls through again! Fast forward past the heats, who wants those anyway? Finals, yeah, say, these guys are fast! I'm gonna look pretty slow compared to these guys, I'll get the girls instead.

Having the graph in front of me, I was able to mock up the 1000 meter race between Sylvie Daigle and myself. Not bad, after 2 laps I was about even with her (I think she was doing her nails). Whoops, lost a bit on lap 3, no problem, I'll catch her. Uh-oh, lost another second on lap 4, (must have been that rut). Lost 2 seconds on lap 5 (shouldn't have eaten that donut). Lost another 2 on lap 6 (guess I'll have to do an awesome sprint). Lost 3 seconds on lap 7 (hope she doesn't lap me). Lost 2 more on lap 8 (I hope the wind doesn't knock me down when she goes by). Lost 2 more in the last lap, gosh I'm glad she doesn't live in the Bay Area!

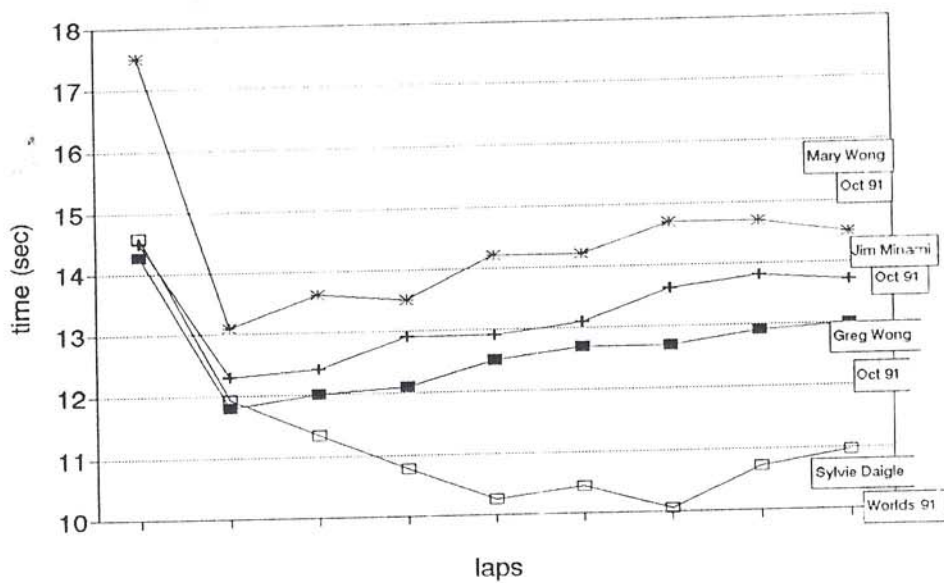
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13 1/2 Laps



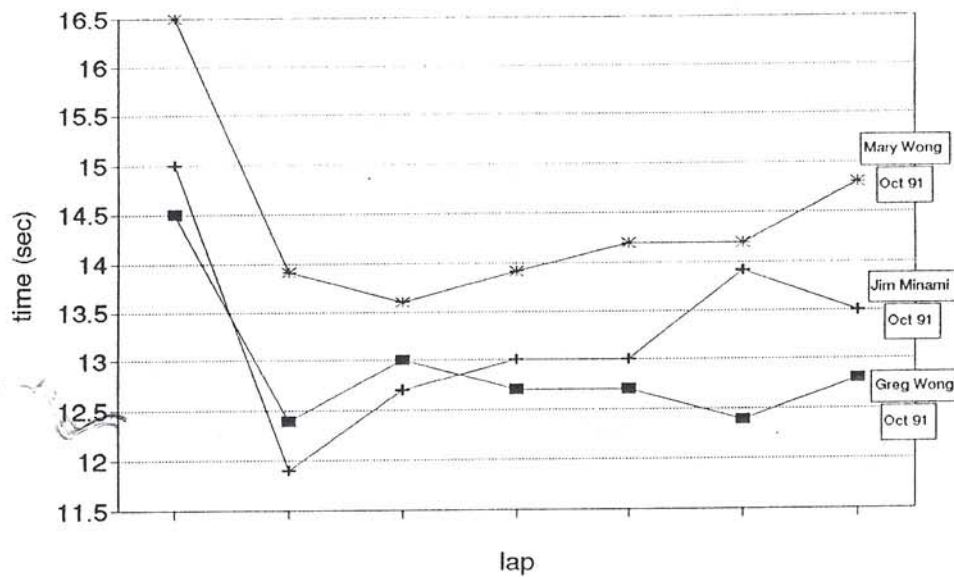
1000 Meter Lap Times

9 laps



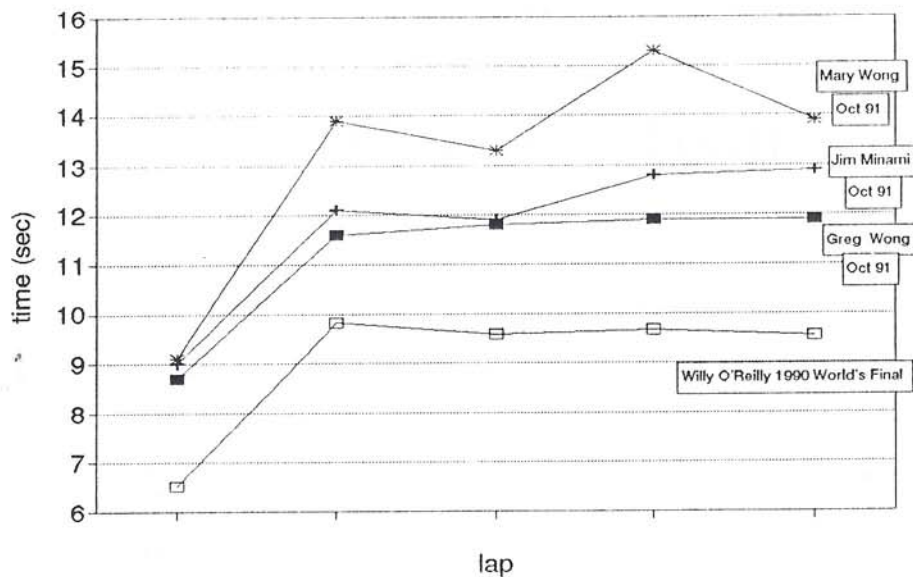
777 Meters Lap Times

7 Laps



500 Meter Lap Times

5 1/2 Laps



10/26/91 TIME TRIALS

RESULTS 4 laps
Leslie 1:15:69
Matthew 1:16:55
Scott 1:03
Travis 1:08:00
Joshua 1:10:10
Nicole 1:08:50
Greg 48:93
John 48:00
Mark J. 48:13
Mary 59:36
Bonnie 56:62
Jim 52:30
Keith 57:25
Chris 1:04:86

Equipment Manager

SKATE RECALL

If you have skates borrowed from the GGSS Collection, Please contact Manager Gordon Marshall at 415-637-0419 so he can list them in our inventory. If you aren't using them, please make arrangements to return them!

Anyone who has skates that would fit a prospective member wearing men's 11, who would like to loan them for one session, please call Cornelia at 510-741-8278. Also, call her if you have a pair of men's size 10 to loan for a month or so. If you meet skaters at public sessions in Berkeley or on the peninsula, let them know we may have some club skates they can borrow, but only at the Fashion Island Sunday Session or at the regular Saturday Redwood City session. Private loaners, you are on your own.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

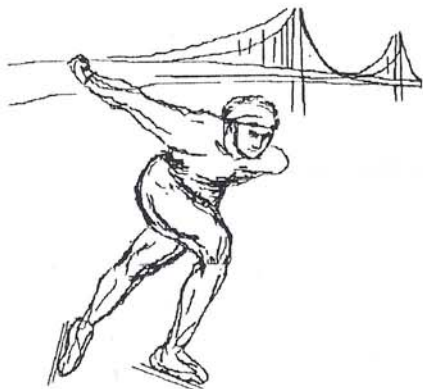
GGSS 1991 Membership Drive kicks off November 2 with the promise of FREE SPEEDING TICKETS to those who bring in the most new members before January 1, 1992. Speeding Tickets are the scrip cards we use at our Redwood City Sessions. The club treasurer will keep track of who brought in whom. To participate in the drive, GGSSers must bring in a new skater who purchases their own speeding ticket. As always, the first-time-free rule stands.

The skater who brings in the most new members, minimum two adults, wins a 10-pass ticket. Second and Third place win 5-session tickets. If this proves successful, more tickets may be awarded.

The November 9 race is an opportunity for prospective skaters to come "check us out", and Fashion Island's POWER SKATING class will help them get started. Put your friends ON THE EDGE, and get the only Speeding Ticket you'll never have to pay for.

COLLECTABLE COINS

Anyone who would like more information on a series of commemorative coins issued for the 1992 Olympic Winter Games by the French Mint should contact U.S. Speedskating, P.O. Box 100, Park City, UT, 84060 for a brochure. There have been nine coins issued with a tenth to be issued this fall.



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SCSSA RACE SCHEDULE

November	1991
3	Memorial Meet
10:15-1:15	Paramount
9	*** Turkey Sprints
4:00-6:00	Redwood City
14	SCSSA Skate-athon
6:45	Paramount (pending)
24	Thanksgiving Meet
10:15-1:15	Paramount
December	1991
15	*** Santa Claus Meet
10:15-1:15	Paramount
January	1992
4	*** Gold Rush I
4:00-6:00	Redwood City
February	1992
9	*** Southern Cal Meet
10:15-1:15	Paramount
15	*** Gold Rush II
4:00-6:00	Redwood City
March	1992
1	DeMorra Sprints
10:15-1:15	Paramount
7	Bring-A-Prize-and-Race
4:00-6:00	Redwood City
29	** Silver Skates/State Champ.
10:15-1:15	Paramount
April	1992
11	Disney Sprints
12	Ross Zucco Memorial
times to be announced	

*** Denotes races qualifying for state championship points.

GOLDEN GATE SPEED SKATERS is a Non-Profit Organization affiliated with the Amateur Skating Union of the U.S., dedicated to the promotion of speed skating in Northern California. For more information, contact Mary Wong at the above address., or contact the A.S.U. at 1033 Shady Lane, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, 708-790-3230.