

culminated for some in the USGF/DGWS certification exam for women and we all went home just a little tired for the wear.

I know you all would like to hear how our American judge, Mrs. Jackie Fie felt about the judging in Munich and what our Olympic coach, Muriel Grossfeld, and our Olympic manager, Mrs. Mike Flansaas had to say about the Training camp, the girls and Munich. After so many of us have drawn our own conclusions it will be good to hear just how this all affected these women:



Jackie Fie

WOMEN'S OLYMPIC REPORT....USGF CONGRESS 1972

Mrs. Jackie Fie - quoted in full

After reading the numerous reports and editorials on judging that have appeared around the country, I wish to give you only factual information and not a personal opinion and let you draw your own conclusions. These facts will be based on my scoring on the two events during the team competition, and on the scoring of the head judges who are "the respected authorities in gymnastics around the world."

I was assigned to judge compulsory beam and optional floor. I'm going to tell you how I judged because I think you want to know what kind of job your delegate did and what scores she gave. I'm not trying to keep it a secret. My scores will be made public at this point.

During the compulsory beam...I'll give you the team results first: The actual team compulsory beam results were as follows:

Actual Results		Results My Scoring
URS	49.90	URS 45.60
GDR	45.80	GDR 45.90
USA	45.60	USA 46.10
HUN	45.40	HUN 45.10
JPN	45.05	JPN 44.70
TCH	45.80	TCH 45.70

Therefore with the Hungarian score, my score of 45.10 was .3 lower than they actually received....so I thought they were .3 less good than their scores indicated. My score for the USA of 46.10 was .5 higher than what we actually received (45.60); therefore my actual difference in team scores between the Hungarians and the USA was one full point, because I rated our team 46.10 and I rated them 45.10. Although the real difference came out to be only two tenths of a point (we were ahead of the Hungarians on compulsory beam by .2).

The head judge, Madame Nagy scored our team as follows: 8.7; 8.8; 9.1; 8.6* 8.5* 8.7; and the 8.7 was for Cathy Rigby (This gave us a team

score of 43.90 from the head judge.) She deducted for a swing down from the handstand to a v-sit for no hand placement behind the hips. Now, it seems that her deduction was approximately .3 for each girl (looking at her scores). The East Germans placed only one hand on the beam following the swing down and they had the other hand stretched forward in line with the rear arm and they were not deducted at all. No mention was given during any FIG Technical Committee meeting that this was mandatory. The only instruction that we received was that the handstand position had to be retained, stretched, held, or marked, the arm position during the swing down had to be stretched, the arms straight, and there must be a certain amount of control during the swing down to the v-sit.

If Madame wouldn't have deducted for this, it would have added 1.50 to her score which would have made us only two tenths lower than what we actually received (45.60). There was not one other judge on that panel that deducted for that, but she stuck to her guns that this was an infraction of the rules.

OPTIONAL FLOOR....TEAM COMPETITION

Actual Scores		Results My Scores
URS	47.95	URS 47.90
GDR	47.60	GDR 47.40
USA	46.55	USA 46.70
HUN	46.50	HUN 46.40
ROM	45.05	RUM 45.40
TCH	45.95	TCH 45.80

.3 behind us instead of .05

So you can see that my scores for Hungary were .1 lower than what they actually received. My scores for the USA were .15 higher than what we actually received; therefore the actual difference in how I scored Hungary versus the USA was a .3 difference, whereas the actual difference was only .05 of a point. Therefore, according to my scores, we could have picked up 1.3 in these two events. Now these are only two events, you see, and my personal opinion was that we were 1.3 higher in the two events.

The overall team results were: Hungarians 368.25; USA 365.90; an actual difference of 2.35 between the two teams in the overall team results, and with my difference of 1.3, this only gave us a 1.5 to make up in the next six events and I think this could have been done.

Now I'd like to give you a little more interesting comparison. I've taken the judges sheets that we received back from the Technical Committee. I'm going to give you the scores that the head judges scored us....not the average scores....and this is going to support the feeling that was conveyed to me by the authorities in Europe, that we were indeed, the better team.

First of all, I'll begin with beam which is not the most exciting one with Madame Nagy being in this position (and this is unfortunate because she is the new president of the Technical Committee for Women.) In compulsory beam, Madame Nagy's scores were 1.7 lower than what we received and that's a great difference. In optional beam Madame Nagy gave our team 45.10 in comparison to the 45.30 that we actually received, so she scored our team .2 lower in the optional beam.

Now, on floor with Madame Domendecko....(and she does like our team on floor). She has commented several times. She is

especially fond of Joan Moore in floor exercise. In compulsory floor, she awarded 45.90 in comparison to our 45.65, so she gave us .35 more in floor exercise compulsory. In the optional Madame Domendecko awarded the US 46.7 versus 46.55....or she gave us .15 more and that's a big difference on a team score if you can pick up .15.

Even more interesting is uneven bars. Madame Matlochova, the former Czech coach, who was the team trainer for Italy for several years, and has gone off of the Technical Committee (which I am very sorry to see) gave us in compulsory bars (where we felt we were underscored) 46.1. We only received 45.75 (.35 more).

In optional bars we received a 46.15 and Madame Matlochova gave us 46.60. We would have picked up another .45 more, if the scoring was based on the scores of a so called authority in the sport.

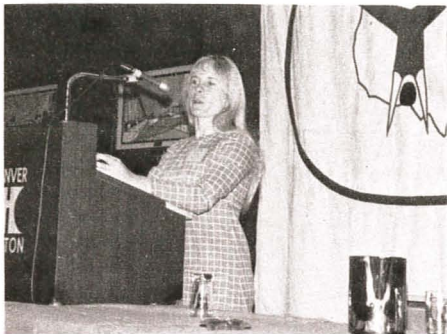
And in the vault, Madame Berger from East Germany is our friend. She awarded our team 46.4. We only received 45.10....for our compulsory vaults. (We would have received 1.3 more according to her scores).

In optional vault, Madame Berger scored us 46.3 and we actually received 45.80 which is .5 of a point more. I think these facts speak for themselves. In six events....that's bars, floor and vaults...the head judges scored our team three full points (3.1) higher than what we received. And Madame Nagy scored our team 1.9 lower than what we received....and this made the difference. We theoretically could have received 1.2 more in team points from the superior judges....which wouldn't have been enough to win but based on the majority opinion of the Technical Committee we would have been in the third place spot. This supports the general feeling that prevailed during the Technical Committee meetings prior to the competition. The scores from Mme. Berger, Mme. Matlochova and Mme. Domendecko were indicative of their feeling that the USA girls had made tremendous strides and were now, without question, among the Elite of the International Competition.

I heard these same comments from many, many people over there, prior to the competition, during the competition, and after the competition....to mention a few, Madame Varda who is a respected authority in Europe. She is the former coach of the Hungarian team. She is now coaching the team of the Netherlands and was in direct opposition from Madame Nagy. She felt our team deserved third. The West Germans, of course were very receptive to the Americans and they felt that we definitely were third. The Romanians, the team that we were there to beat....one of the teams that we were going to beat....felt that we deserved credit. The Swedes, the Canadians, the British and even the Czech people. They said that they only wished we could have beaten the Hungarians and they felt if any team was to beat them they were glad it was the USA and this came from Madame Tenterova, Hanna Valachova the judge and two other Czech people that were present.

I think that the girls on the USA team accomplished the near impossible jumping from seventh place to fourth place and surpassing the Czechs, the Romanians, and the Japanese teams. I think we have a bright future and we only need to improve at the current rate that we have done in the past three or four years. This doesn't mean even to accelerate our program. Even if we just

improve at the current rate we are going to move into third place spot and I feel that we are strongly going to challenge the formidable East German Team. These are the only facts that I have...and from this I hope you can draw your own conclusions.



Dale Flansaa

TRAINING CAMP... WASHINGTON D.C... WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN MUNICH

Dale Flansaa

For the training camp we got together for about five weeks at Yale University. This was a time to bring twelve girls together and train them for team depth...not just the top 6. The main accomplishments were in polishing the compulsories with special attention to the elements in the compulsories.

We worked out a semi-new floor exercise compulsory and had new music for the routine. My main job was in getting the girls outfitted. We were one of the best outfitted teams there. We usually make a lot of other teams very jealous because we have so much in the way of sweat suits etc. A lot of this is due to the donation Zwickel usually gives us of sweat suits. We usually buy the leotards.

This was also a time to get pictures, passports etc. We polished optional exercises and made just minor adjustments in routines. The help of Maria Bakos was probably the greatest asset we had in the dance area. These are the things that made our girls do the job they did in Munich and this is generally the purpose of the training camp.

After the training camp we went to Washington DC. This was a transition stage, and with our competing first it wasn't the best stage for us, because it involved a lot of time away from training. That was the only disadvantage in going to Washington. Here they got their traveling uniforms, they went thru processing which took about 4-5 hours. They also had to attend many social functions at the White House and the Congress had a banquet for them. Vice President Agnew talked to them. The only thing I can say is that it would be nice if they could shorten some of these extra things that they must attend so that they could keep training a little harder.

My main job was in Washington, because I had to take care of transportation, collecting per diem for the girls, turning in budget reports from the camp, and I would like to say at this time that if it hadn't been for Vannie Edwards helping me out (he handled the whole budget at the training camp) it would have been difficult for me to do much training of the girls.

I also had to complete all those Olympic forms that are important and attend manager meetings which give you an idea of what you are supposed to do, but a lot of the meetings were of a very general nature and did take me away from training.

When we actually got to Munich we had about a week and a half of training. The thing that was nice about getting to Munich was that everybody on the staff and the gymnasts really pulled together. We had some tensions and problems along the way but everybody in Munich did pull together and worked completely for the team and I think this is why the girls did such a tremendous job on the floor.

The change of scenery and the atmosphere of being at the Olympic Games sparked the kids and they really got going. Both their attitudes and their actual discipline just kept going up and we were lucky that they really peaked at the right time.

They trained about three hours a day. We usually took them into the gym for another hour and a half session to do some extra things, so they were training hard all the way up to the competition.

Entertaining no social activities, they were usually in their dorm by 7:30. They had workouts in the morning from 8-10. These girls really put everything into their pre-training in Munich and I think they did the best they could have done as a team.

We felt that they were even better in some cases than Jackie's report indicates, I think with the circumstances they went through the training they went through, that we had the best team that we possibly could have...and we should congratulate the girls for coming through for themselves and for the USA.



Muriel Grossfeld demonstrating the new Olympic compulsories.

Women's Olympic Games Report

MURIEL GROSSFELD

The staff that was involved with the entire team consisted of Mr. Vannie Edwards, Mrs. Flansaa, Bill and Ginny Coco, Maria Bakos, two pianists....Mr. Art Mattox our regular pianist and Pat Melcher as some of you might know he worked on the compulsory music and played in the off hours to relieve Mr. Mattox, Mr. Rod Hill, Ruth McBride was there for a while, and Bud Marquette was there the entire time and Dick Mulvihill and Jim Fonteyn. They were more involved with their own gymnasts though at that point in time.

We could never have had the kind of training camp we had without the help of all the equipment companies. Mr. Darling from the Nissen Company acted as kind of a coordinator, American had their floor exercise mat there and all kinds of things that we were sending out for, the new Eastern system of Rheuther finally got the uneven parallel bars to us. We got some official beat boards and so every body did help during the entire time with the equipment etc. We never did get a set of bars that adjusted correctly. We only saw those when we got to Munich.

The compulsory floor exercise was changed quite a lot for several reasons....mainly so that we would have something that all six girls could do with a great deal of charm and purpose. We worked on the beam compulsory coming out with what we felt would work the best for all six girls. There were slight changes. Mostly we had to work on the arms because most of the girls came with fairly nice ideas on how to perform the exercises but not a really good idea of how to do each element with a minimum of deductions.

Mr. Hill spent long hours on the compulsory horse vault trying to make it really look like the compulsory and if you listened to Jackie's report you would have realized that this was one of the definite trouble areas. We could have done better scorewise, in fact the only protest I gave during the entire competition was for the scores that our girls received doing the compulsory horse vault.

I don't think we really started to work together as a team at all until we got to Washington, and we pulled together even better when we got to Munich. There were many social functions to attend in Washington, but for the girls who were really in trouble there were ways of avoiding some of these functions. In some cases we were able to keep three girls working out while the other three were still required to go to the White House. I would not want to say that we should dispense with these White House functions. The girls gave up many things to get where they were. For some of these girls, getting to the White House and hearing Vice President Agnew was very important to them and the nice part of the trip, part of their coming together so well in Munich might have come from those experiences in Washington. It's something that we are going to have to examine for the future and decide exactly how much of this sort of thing we would like the girls to do, because I still think that they are representatives of their country that they are individuals as well as gymnasts so that when this is all over they won't say well I guess I am at the Olympics, but all I saw was a gymnasium. So we will have to think about how much it really did hurt us at that point in time.

We had great fortune in Munich. The French team was either very lazy or very secretive...I don't know which, but we were scheduled from eight to ten our first couple of days they didn't show up for their 11-til 2 workout time, so in most cases we were able to finish what we were doing at a leisurely pace and work til 1:30 or 2. Finally when they came, we thought we would lose the gym, but they still left us alone for another day or two....so, because the French were so kind and didn't train very hard, we had 6 hours every morning.

I would say they were in by 6 or 7 every night. This was not so that they could get enough sleep. This was so that they could do things together to begin to feel more together as a