

HONOUR OTTAWA GIRL SKATER FIRST TO WIN MARSH TROPHY



BARBARA ANN SCOTT AND LOU MARSH TROPHY MINIATURE

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Ottawa, Oct. 16 - The capital has paid tribute to Canada's number one athlete of the year, its own Barbara Ann Scott, champion of all she surveys in the figure skating world. With the city council leading the way with a banquet, roses and gifts were showered on the 18-year-old girl and congratulation followed congratulation as each speaker lauded the girl who brought top honours in sport to Canada, and won the Lou Marsh Memorial trophy, as Canada's outstanding athlete of the year.

Minto club associates combined with city officials and sport fans to congratulate the first girl to win the Lou Marsh trophy. D'Arcy Finn associate editor of the Ottawa Citizen, paved the way with his remark that "Barbara Ann Scott is a great inspiration to all young people and older ones, too."

"I heartily congratulate the board of judges on their selection," said Mayor Stanley Lewis, who presided, "They chose wisely and well. This champion of ours is not only an excellent skater, but she is an outstanding sportsman too."

"I am sure that Barbara Ann stands for sportsmanship, just as Lou Marsh did in his day," said Melville Rogers, president of the Canadian Figure Skating association. President H. Cummings of the Minto club expressed the keen delight of the club of which Barbara Ann has been a member since she was seven.

Charles E. Ring donor of the trophy, and Elwood A. Hughes represented the board of judges and told Miss Scott that she has been the unanimous choice because of her sterling qualities in addition to her ability as an athlete.

"It perpetuates Lou Marsh's memory and his famous column, "With Pick and Shovel" and we are happy to see our memorial trophy for 1945 go to such a lovely winner," Mr. Ring said.

"I hope the spirit of Lou Marsh and his great sportsmanship will guide me in all my future competitions," Miss Scott said in reply to the tributes.

To Help in "Rhythms"

Barbara Ann Scott will be a featured performer in "Red Feather Rhythms of 1946" at Maple Leaf Gardens, Oct. 28 in the combined ice and stage show being presented by the United Welfare Chest.