

# 1980 INTERNATIONAL MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS

## The Spectrum, Philadelphia, Pa.

A second go at the fresh and innovative format initiated last year by Rick Appleman.....a mixed pairs competition for the sport of gymnastics.....got underway at Philadelphia's great Spectrum. CBS-TV was there and so was a very warm crowd of some 8,000 spectators. This new format features a pair from each participating nation competing as a "pair". Three rounds of events for the teams that made the final rounds. Each round had to utilize a different event and no one event could be duplicated. Those nations having four gymnasts in the country made two "pairs" for their homelands and those with lesser entries made up one team or combined with other individuals to make a nationally-mixed-pair. The competition takes place on the same floor, with the lady working and then the man and with two sets of judges who never move from their seats in the two center areas of the floor. Then after the second performance is completed the scores are called for and both scores come up at once.....9.5 for the men

and 9.6 for the women....and the announcer calls out the score that pair...19.10.....and the first round saw some 22 pairs competing and then narrowing to 12 pairs and the third round narrowed to six pairs. All scores counted and the top pair won the championships. It is a very interesting and extremely entertaining event. Fun for the gymnasts themselves without great pressure but with lots of caring and hopes for success for the partners involved.

It takes both members of a team or pair to win. Steadiness counts...and some strategy as well. If you make it past the first round which event would you pick for the second and if you make it past the second then which event have you saved for the final event. It did take some planning. After the third round, it was the U.S.A.'s team of Marcia Frederick and Kurt Thomas that brought home the First Place position. Second and third places went to the fine gymnasts from Romania....in years to come this event might have a real future.

				FLOOR	SID.H	RINGS	VAULT	PAR.B	HOR.B	TOTAL
				SOL	ARCON	ANN	SAUT	B.PAR	B.FIX	TOTAL
				VAULT	UN.B	BEAM	FLOOR			TOTAL
				SAUT	B.ASY	POUTR	SOL			TOTAL
08	044	US1	THOMAS, Kurt		9.800			9.800	9.900	29.500
	045	US1	FREDERICK, Marcia	9.750	9.800		9.650			29.200
TOTAL				9.750	19.600		9.650	9.800	9.900	58.700
03	019	RO1	EBERLE, Emilia		9.750	9.600	9.700			29.050
	021	RO1	GEORGESCU, Aurelian	9.500		9.600	9.700			28.800
TOTAL				9.500	9.750	19.200	19.400			57.850
20	020	RO2	TURNER, Dumitria	9.700	9.650		9.650			29.000
	022	RO2	CHECICHES, Ion	9.600		9.600	9.450			28.650
TOTAL				19.300	9.650	9.600	19.100			57.650
21	001	BUL	DELTCHEV, Stojan	9.700		9.600			9.900	29.200
	002	BUL	TONEVA, Krassimira	9.600		9.600	8.950			28.150
TOTAL				19.300		19.200	8.950		9.900	57.350
16	043	US2	CONNER, Bart		9.750		9.650	9.450		28.850
	046	US2	TALAVERA, Tracee		8.800	9.600	9.700			28.100
TOTAL					18.550	9.600	19.350	9.450		56.950
01	028	UR1	IONAS, Galina		9.600	9.700	9.750			29.050
	030	UR1	VERNIY, Igor			9.450	9.450		9.000	27.900
TOTAL					9.600	19.150	19.200		9.000	56.950