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CHAMPS ON ICE

They're off on the Amateur Speed Ice Skating trials at Lacross, Wisconsin. The thermometer is 20 below, but their hearts are high. Blades flashing and arms flailing, they streak round the frozen arena. Johnny Martin the Chicago Comet leads the juniors. If you want the best slide, Johnny's got 'em. The start of another 440 yard heat with some of the best skaters in the country legging it as perfectly as many professionals. Flapping their wings the birds of the ice fascinate their young fans as they skate neck to neck without breaking it. The last heat gets under way and for the heat it's one of the hottest imaginable. With spill and thrill following each other in quick succession. Down goes another, and Number 74 thinks that one good turn deserves another. The three quarter mile gets well into its stride or should I say into its slide. The final slide for home. It's a great game if you can keep smiling.