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That's entertainment: **Trial transfixes Chicago**

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CHICAGO, ILL. - For Ray Kaczmarz, the trial of New York City sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom has been worth the wait.

"I started getting excited three months ago when I found out Dan Webb was going to represent Bloom, Kaczmarz said. "I'm a Webb fan. I love to watch him work."

Kaczmarz, a retired labor relations manager, is among a group of about 30 court buffs who daily go from courtroom to courtroom in the Dirksen Federal Building to watch trials and other court proceedings.

And buffs say the two-week-old extortion, fraud and racketeering trial ranks among the wildest in the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Illinois.

With its high-priced lawyers, star-studded witness list and story of widespread corruption in college athletics, the trial is considered to be on the level of entertainment as trials of the Chicago Seven, former Illinois governors Otto Kerner and Dan Walker, and city aldermen, ward heelers and suburban village officials. "You really have everything in this one," Kaczmarz said. "Very good lawyers battling each other, sports figures appearing on the stand. Corruption in sports. She's big news all over the country. You know it is a big trial for Chicago when the kids start coming to watch. When they show up, you know it is big." The trial likely will include testimony by NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, several college presidents, University of Michigan athletic director and football coach Bo Schembechler, University of Iowa Athletic Director Bump Elliott, Indianapolis Colts Coach Ron Meyers and Texas Gov. William Clements.

tice in 1985, Webb led the investigation, which resulted in indictments of 17 judges, 45 lawyers, nine police officers and an assortment of deputy sheriffs and court employees on charges of bribery and accepting kickbacks.

Webb recently was named among the top defense lawyers in Chicago by a national publication. The agents trial is the first in which Valukas and Webb have opposed each other. **Interesting Matchup**

It is a confrontation drawing the attention of buffs.

"It's a battle we've all wanted to see," Kaczmarz said. "They are really going after each other."

The first sign came during Webb's opening statement, in which he urged the jury to consider college athletics as sordid and seamy. Valukas objected seven times to U.S. District Court Judge George Marovich.

The bickering reached a new height

IOWA'S HIGH SCHOOLS Familiar faces on all-state teams

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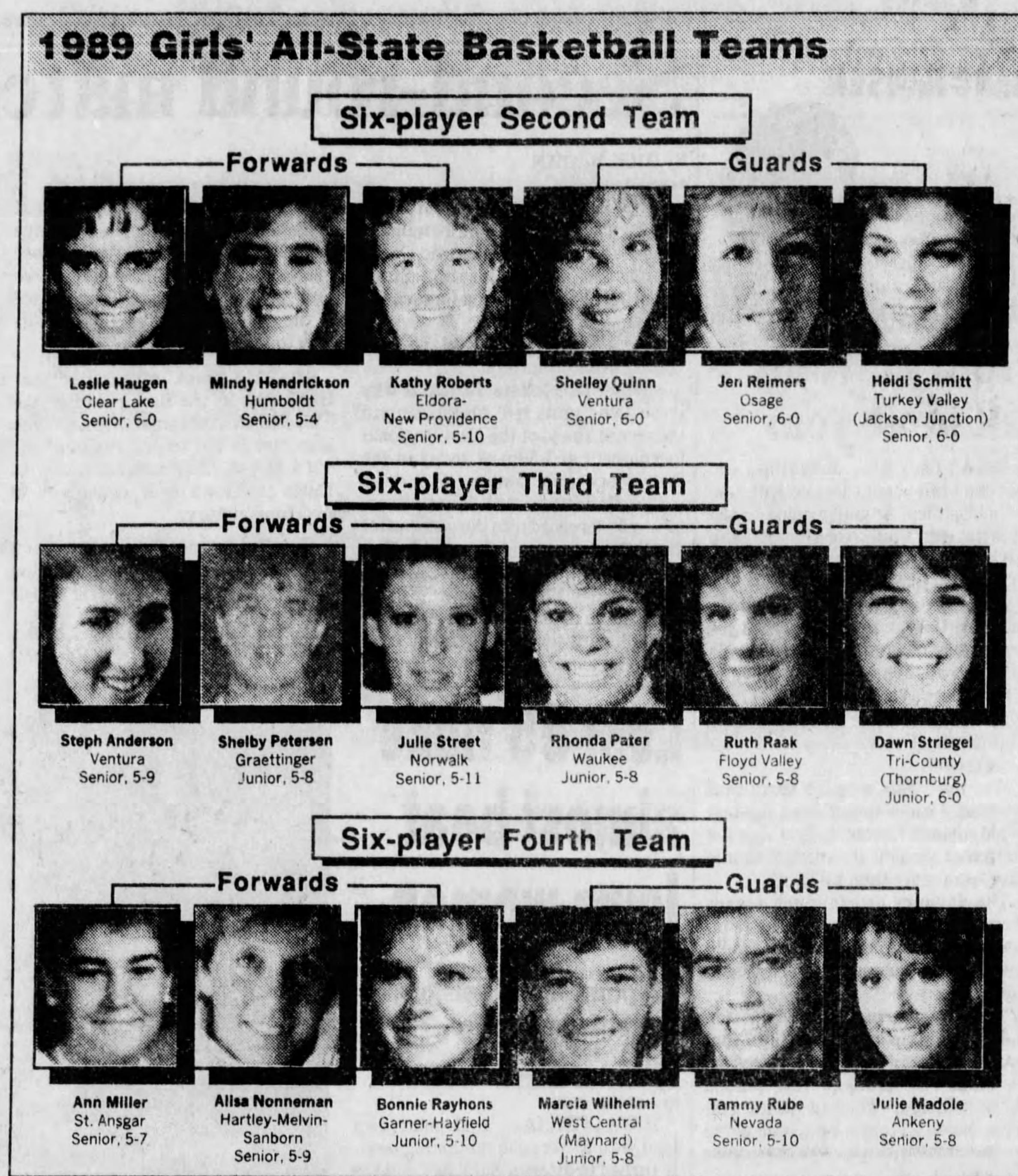
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The state's top two scorers and representatives from the two state champions are among the 39 members of The Register's 1989 Girls' All-State basketball team.

Two-thirds of the six-player firstteam forwards are repeat selections. And, they just happen to be the same girls who battled to the wire for the state scoring title - Tri-Center of Neola's Karen Jennings and Elk Horn-Kimballton's Shannon Kite. The other first-team forward was Grundy Center's Kim Van Deest.

The strength of Ankeny's third sixplayer state championship was a guard court that limited its opposition to 40 points a game during the regular season. The top Hawkette guard, according to the coaches who returned ballots, was Angie Grunig, who headlined the trio of first-teamers. The other first-team selections were Garnavillo's Tracy Bangs and Ventura's Shelley Quinn.

Muscatine won its first five-player



Even Anton Valukas couldn't help but marvel at how the trial has developed into one of the more challenging of his career, which began as a member of U.S. Attorney Jim Thompson's "Kiddie Corps," a group of assistants that included Valukas and Webb.

Valukas, who is directing the prosecution in the case, Monday called The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, president emeritus at the University of Notre Dame, to the stand.

Twenty-four hours later, Michael Franzese, said to be highest ranking mobster to testify as a government witness, answered questions from Valukas.

"One day it's Father Hesburgh; the next day a member of a mob family," Valukas said. "It is a little different." For Valukas, the trial is likely to be the last major investigation he'll direct. Valukas is expected to relinquish the office in June at the end of his four-year term. Valukas is considered one of the most aggressive local prosecutors in the U.S. Justice Department. Only recently retired Rudolph Guliani of the U.S. Attorney's office in New York City is considered as aggressive.

last week when Valukas challenged the phrasing of a question asked by Webb. When Webb repeated the question with similar phrasing, Valukas objected again.

Marovich brought it to an end. "I know you both are trying to do something with this semantical argument, but as God is my judge I don't know what it is, and I really don't know what you are arguing about," he said.

Marovich has become a chief character in the trial, often providing comic relief to serious proceedings. "No Sin"

Marovich opened the trial by telling jurors they had drawn one of the more interesting cases of the year. "It is no sin to be entertained along with being a juror, and this will be one interesting case," he said.

Marovich also likened himself to an umpire or referee.

"Whoa, there, Maurice," Marovich said when Chicago Bears defensive back Maurice Douglass answered a question despite objections by lawyers. "Time out here. Do I need a referee's whistle to stop you guys?" After order was restored, Marov-

ich said, "OK, time in. Go." Another time, Marovich admon-

ished Webb for churning over previous testimony.

"Judge, I'm just trying to refresh the jury's memory on this point," Webb said.

"That's OK," Marovich replied. "But while this is a sports case, we don't have instant replay."

The trial even had a Chicago mala-

state championship, and included among the first-team five-player allstate team was the Muskies' leader, senior Marivel Rivera. The other first-team selections were Molly Goodenbour of Waterloo West, Julie Krauth of Des Moines Roosevelt, Erin Maher of Davenport Assumption and Becky Strathman of Cedar Rapids Washington.

Coaches Nominate

The selections were made after nominations from the state's coaches. The all-staters will be honored on April 9 at the Starlite Village Motel in Des Moines. Reservations can be made by contacting Urbandale Athletic Director George Long.

Jennings won the six-player scoring derby for the second straight year, edging Kite during the state tournament despite playing just one game. The 6-foot 2-inch Jennings, who has signed a national letter of intent with Nebraska, averaged 58.98 points a game. She won last year at 55.5.

The 5-11 Kite, who has signed with Kansas, scored 182 points in four state tournament games and finished the season with an average of 57.27. She scored 107 points in a victory over Shelby-Tennant early in the season.

Van Deest, who is headed to Iowa State, averaged 49 points and made 62 percent of her field goals. Her Spartans were eliminated from the state tournament during the district round.

Ankeny Coach Dick Rasmussen has claimed the key to his team to be the balance in the guard court. All three of his starters received at least one vote, but Grunig received the most support.



Novel Theory

Using a novel theory under federal fraud statutes, Valukas is prosecuting Bloom and Walters for signing college athletes prior to the end of their eligibility. Bloom and Walters offered the athletes money and promised to conceal the agreements, which violated NCAA rules.

Valukas contends the athletes, along with the agents, defrauded the universities because they accepted scholarships they weren't entitled to. **Opposing Valukas is Webb, a friend** of Valukas who preceded him in the U.S. Attorney's position. Webb is credited with developing and investigating widespread corruption in the Cook County Circuit Court system in a probe called "Operation Greylord." Before he went into private prac-

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propism last week worthy of late Mayor Richard J. Daley.

Douglass testified he was approached by Bloom on the sidelines during the 1985 Blue-Gray football game in Montgomery, Ala.

Douglass tripped over his tongue trying to explain the purpose of the bowl game.

"It's a seniors bowl for only those players with no college athletic ability left," Douglass said.

Douglass meant eligibility, but mangled language is as much a part of Chicago as green paint in the Chicago River on St. Patrick's Day.

Dutch speed skater leads point totals in two events

HEERENVEEN, NETHER-LANDS (AP) - Uwe-Jens Mey of East Germany took the lead in aggregate point totals in the the 500- and 1,000-meter events in World Cup speed skating races Saturday. Dan Jansen of the United States finished second in both races.

Rugby champ

PARIS, FRANCE (AP) - France won the Five Nations rugby union championship with a 19-3 defeat of Scotland on Saturday.

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Slowed Down Top Scorers

The 5-10 senior averaged five rebounds, two interceptions and two blocked shots during the season. She also was partly responsible for holding the state's top two scorers below their averages in the state tournament - Jennings scored 44 points in a first-round loss to the Hawkettes, then Kite scored 42 in a semifinal round setback.

Garnavillo's Bangs, a 5-11 senior, led the state's guards in rebounding with 12 a game, and in blocked shots with seven a contest. She also averaged four interceptions.

Ventura's Quinn, a four-year starter who played on the Lady Vikes' state championship team of 1987 and fourth-place finisher this season, averaged six rebounds, two interceptions and two blocked shots a game. West's Goodenbour headlined the

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first-team five-player selections. The 5-6 point guard, who has signed a national letter of intent with Stanford, averaged 17 points, six assists and five interceptions.

No More Basketball

Muscatine's Rivera made her final basketball appearance a successful

one, leading the Muskies to the 1989 state title. She will join the Marine Corps in August. The 5-9 senior averaged 19 points and seven rebounds.

Roosevelt's Krauth, a first-team repeater, also said farewell to basketball in the state tournament; she has signed a national letter of intent to pitch softball for the University of assists a contest.

Kansas. The 5-10 senior led the Des Moines Metropolitan Conference in scoring with a 20-point average. The Roughriders lost to Durant in the first round of the state tournament.

Assumption's Maher averaged 24 points a game, while Washington's Strathman averaged 16 points and six



Japanese dazzles to title in women's figure skating

PARIS, FRANCE (AP) - Japan's day's free skating, which counted for Midori Ito captured the women's title 50 percent of the total mark, tearful-Saturday at the World Figure Skating ly exited the championships, break-Championships, taking the heart out of her rivals.

The tiny 19-year-old became Japan's first figure-skating champion

ing down twice at a news conference afterwards.

"It was not a matter of gaining gold, silver or bronze. I just wanted to with a dazzling display of jumping, skate well," said the American, 20. "There was no doubt in my mind that Ite would do it. She's an excellent free skater.

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women's gymnastics team is having its most successful year under 10year coach Diane DeMarco.

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However, the Hawkeyes won't be favored to win the Big Ten Conference meet which opens tonight at 7 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The team and all-around championships will be determined tonight. Individual competition is Monday night.

On the basis of scoring, Ohio State is the favorite. It recently ran up 189 points in a meet, the best of any league team this season.

Michigan State has scored 187 and Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota have hit 186. Iowa's top score is 185.

Minnesota is the defending champion, having ended Ohio State's fiveyear reign.

But don't count out Iowa, DeMarco warns.

Her Hawkeyes are 12-4 and ranked 26th nationally among 114 teams after being as high as 17th. The team consists of one senior, one junior, five sophomores and five freshmen.

"This definitely is the finest Hawkeye team ever," DeMarco said. "Several factors are involved. We have more talent than ever before and more tough-minded individuals. They have heart and drive I've never seen here before.

"Practice is very competitive." DeMarco said Lori Cole, a freshman from Tulsa, Okla., and last

Diane DeMarco "Finest Hawkeye team ever"

season's national champion in floor exercise, is the most consistent allaround performer. And Robyn Zussman, a junior from Milwaukee, Wis., is listed among the Big Ten's top performers this season in all-around, vault and balance beam.

Zussman's 9.7 score on the balance beam is tied for second in the league. She is tied for third in the vault with a 9.6, and her 37.55 in all-around is ninth best in the Big Ten.

Michelle Cahal, sophomore from Arvada, Colo., has a league-best 9.65 in the uneven parallel bars.

Ohio State senior vaulter Julie Somers will try to become the first Big Ten gymnast to win four consecutive individual titles.

skating a flawless routine that earned her five perfect marks of 6.0 for technical merit.

"I had no pressure on me," Ito said after outpointing West Germany's Claudia Leistner and American only human, but I'll be back." champion Jill Trenary, who both made crucial mistakes. "I think skated 100 percent."

Leistner, whom Trenary had overtaken in Friday's short program, fell on her first triple jump, but recovered her composure and finished strongly without any more errors.

Ito, who was third going into the free skating portion, followed with her gold-medal-clinching routine. Then it was Trenary's turn in the last performance of the competition.

The American needed a strong display of technique and artistry to beat Leistner and a perfect one to stand a remote chance of catching Ito.

But she faltered on most of her triple jumps, and lost her way with a performance-lacking drive and confidence.

Another American, Kristi Yamaguchi, was all smiles after establish ing herself as a future star by finishing sixth.

The 17-year-old from Fremont, Calif., also made a name for herself in the pairs event, placing fifth with Rudi Galindo.

Trenary, leading going into Satur-

"I didn't watch Ito skate, but you couldn't help but hear the crowd. I'm

Trenary had heard the crowd unleash its appreciation of a stunning performance by Ito, whose technical brilliance for years had been overshadowed by the all-round skills of the now-retired Katarina Witt. At last. Ito had the stage to herself, and she made full use of it.

She also scored four 5.9s for technical merit as she closed out the opposition with a stunning performance of poise and balance.

Fifty seconds into her routine, she spun into a triple axel - the first by a woman in a major international competition - landing almost perfectly to rapturous applause from the estimated 12,000 spectators.

"She's a different level from the others," said Canada's Kurt Browning, the men's champion. "She's the only woman I've seen who could compete with the top men. Her jumping ability is incredible."

When Ito's routine ended, bouquets of flowers cascaded onto the ice.

As her name was announced as gold medalist, Ito's face lit up as brightly as the sequins on her turquoise-and-blue costume.