

Holiday Hi-lites—a great trip

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The Acton Figure Skating Club took us for a ride Sunday; a first-class, round-the-world jaunt in 120 minutes during their annual, year-end ice carnival, Holiday Hi-Lites 1981.

And what a trip! Aboard the Acton, they brought us to such faraway places as Japan, Spain, Vienna and Hawaii and featured sparkling performances from guest skaters Kevin Parker, Susan Kinal and David and Cindy McGiloway.

A near-capacity crowd for both shows at

2 and 7:30 p.m., fastened their seatbelts as the senior A and B girls and boys, representing stewards and stewardesses, skated precision-perfect to Freddie Laker's theme song, Consider Yourself One of Us.

First stop was Hawaii where the junior A girls, irresistible as Hawaiian maidens, danced the hula. Colleen Petty added grace with her solo as a Hawaiian princess.

Next stop was the perennial favorite, Disneyland, with the preschool boys and

girls costumed as various Disney characters. They skated in a delightful number, led by the bear from the Jungle Book (Eva Sansom), Snow White (Sharon Campbell), fairy Godmother (Susan Auty), and of course, Minnie and Mickey Mouse.

ENTHRALLED CROWD
Campbell and Auty enthralled the crowd with their solo numbers while the entire cast joined in for Disney on Parade.

We were zipped off to Europe for an Alpine Adventure featuring the junior B girls and junior A and B boys.

The girls dressed as Swiss maidens while the boys played goatherders, in two whimsical numbers from the Sound of Music.

Tracey Oakley, performed an artistic routine to Sound of Music as a Swiss Miss.

The first act also featured guest skater Susan Kinal in an electrifying number. The crowd receiving her enthusiastically, called her back for an encore.

Deked in a picturesque blue robe, Kinal performed an outstanding program, entertaining the crowd with both a jazzy, upbeat dance and an elegant and intricate routine.

Kevin Parker closed the act with his own powerful program, and wowed the audience with explosive double jumps, Russian splits, and spins.

The junior cast reappeared in the cheery junior finale, skating to Disney's It's a Small World Afterall.

After intermission, the trip was resumed with Las Vegas the next stopover. The senior B girls formed a Vegas-style chorus line in an arresting number.

Then the intermediate and senior A boys took over the spotlight as the gamblers. Christopher Griggs, Kent Petty, John Gardner and Heath Norton romped their way through a charming and imaginative production to Jim Croce's Leroy Brown.

Then Mr. Lucky himself, Mike Creighton, skated a polished performance to the theme from Dallas.

JAPANESE GARDEN

From Vegas we flew to Japan in time to see the intermediate girls perform in a serene Japanese Garden. Tracey Bruce, Michelle Perry and Teri Yaroschak soothed the crowd as Gelsa Girls while Wendy Norton shone in her solo feature.

Vienna was the next stop with Kara Leatherland and Kent Petty, Stacey Perry and Tina Krzyzik, Cheryl Genoe and Heath Norton and Ann and John Gardner walking under the moonlight.

Guest skaters Cindy and David McGiloway joined them for their own melodic waltz and then returned to the spotlight in a flawless dance number.

We went from waltzing to square dancing as Miss Calgary Stampede, Karen MacEachern soloed in a foot-stomping, knee slapping performance.

Still in the western theme, but over in Spain, the senior A girls serenaded their bull in Viva Espana, while two flamenco dancers Sarah Homer and Lisa Gillis, celebrated the bullfighter's victory in an impressive production.

Holiday Hi-Lites' final destination was New York, New York as Cindy Brouillard, Andree Charlebols and Mike Creighton bedazzled the audience with a striking performance to the song of the same name. Dressed in shimmering silver and black, the trio's flashy number set the stage for the senior B girl's Broadway production.

They too were clothed in brilliant black and silver for a glittering finale.

Parker returned to hypnotize the audience with a near-faultless program to both an expressive, interpretative number and vibrant dance tune.

But as with every holiday, the vacation ended too soon, as the entire senior cast skated out to a lavish finale featuring the music of Electric Light Orchestra's All over the World.

FINAL BOWS

The McGiloways, Susan Kinal and Kevin Parker were brought out for final bows and later presented with mementos for being a part of the Club's show.

Presentations were also made, at the final production Sunday night, to the executive of the Figure Skating Club, the club professionals, Nancy Lovett, Judy Swallow, Linda Coe, Sally Leatherland and Laurie Cook and to preschool coaches Debbie Bartels, Lori DeBruyn, Ann Gardner, Kimberly Griggs and Stacey Perry.

Also appearing in the show were the senior girls: Lori DeBruyn and Gillian Brain.

Intermediate girls: Monique Bartlett, Kerry Butler, Kelly Cooper, Karlyne Cripps, Tracey Frizzell, Barb Griffenham, Charlotte Hillier, Terri-Lee Jowett, Paul MacPherson, Laura Masales, Anela Nikic, Nancy Norton, Lisa Perry, Lisa Sansom, Reni Sue Smith, Laura Johns, and Lisa Krzyzik.

Junior boys: Peter Osborne, Brydon Gillis, Christopher O'Neill, Henry Sansom.

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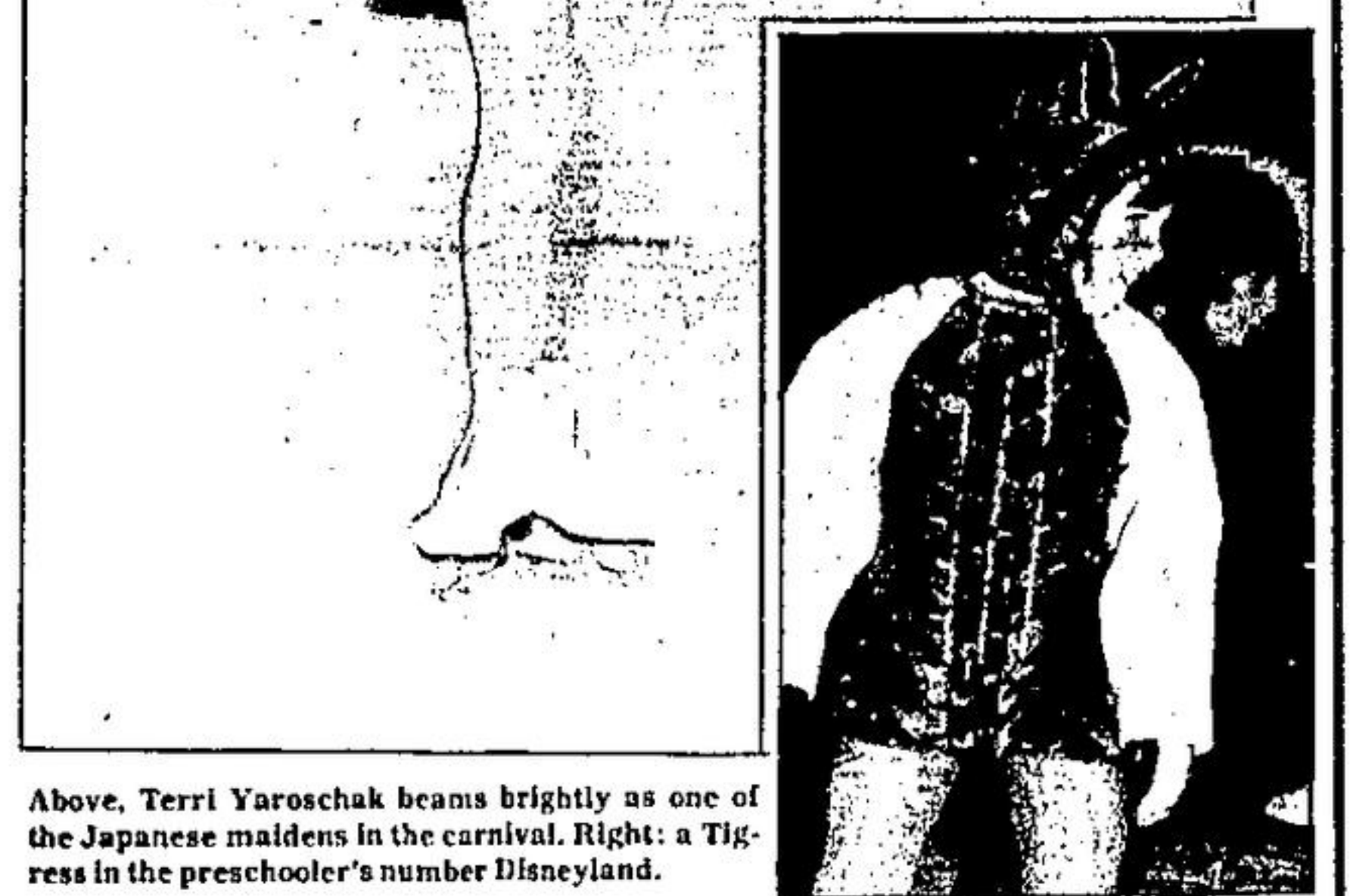
SHOWSTOPPERS

Preschool girls: Heidi Dempsey, Natasha Elson, Bettina Hess, Jody Johnson, Heather Laird, Kimberley Owen, Jillian Richmond, Lee Ann Robinson, Debbie Swinamer, Lisa Ball, Eileen Campbell, Jodi Coleman, Shannon Fosbury, Lise Grimwood and Danielle Weiss.

Preschool boys: Bradley Cripps, David Gerhard, Matthew Gerhard, Christopher Grimwood, Seth Homer and Paul Macdonald.



Three dwarfs out of seven consult one another about Snow White in the preschooler's Disney on Parade number. They dressed up as various Disney characters for their part in the junior production.



Above, Terri Yaroschak beams brightly as one of the Japanese maidens in the carnival. Right: a Tigris in the preschooler's number Disneyland.



A Swiss Miss forms a pretty picture in the junior production of Alpine Adventure. The number, featuring the junior B girls and boys with a solo by Tracey Oakley was one of the highlights of the carnival.

Laing tops

Laing major atoms captured the Ontario Minor Hockey Association zone championship Monday in a thrilling 5-2 victory over Woolwich in the fourth game at the Community Centre.

Laing is the second team in five years and only the third in more than 10 to win an OMHA zone championship, and they did it in fine style, too, coming back from a one-goal deficit to score two empty-net goals and clinch the title.

Friday they jumped into a one-game lead in the best-of-five series doubling Woolwich 4-2 in St. Jacobs. That put Woolwich in a do or die situation for Monday's contest, but they were no match for Laing. After Woolwich's opening goal 34 seconds into the game, Laing dominated the play. Todd Lazenby tied it at 5:21 of the second. John Van Dam put them ahead at 6:32.

Laing continued to outskate Woolwich in the final period and eventually connected on the third goal at 4:43. Carl Yaroschak popped one in from Lee Yaroschak and Craig Cadenhead. Evan Hayter also earned two aids.

With less than two minutes remaining in the game, Woolwich, in a desperate attempt to tie the game, pulled their goaltender. The plan backfired however, as Carl Yaroschak got possession of the puck and jubilantly shot it into the empty net at 8:55. It was a shorthanded goal.

Five seconds later he repeated his performance. Cadenhead and Van Dam assisted on the goals.

Woolwich did not give up; however their powerplay marker at 9:30 came too late. Laing had bagged the championship.

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Battle of Waterloo—allstar champions day

Two Acton allstar teams skated off the ice at McCormick Arena in Waterloo Sunday with the Hub league championships in their respective divisions.

Laing major atoms and Firefighter major bantams captured their league titles at Champions Day while four other local teams won the consolation crowns.

Minor atom Moms, Beardmore minor peewees, Rotary Club minor bantams and Lions Club major peewees all reached the championship game, but the league title eluded them.

Laing league champions

Laing adds the Hub league crown to the OMHA zone championship with a convincing 5-1 victory over Kitchener.

After a scoreless first period, Laing exploded with three goals in the second and two in the third. Greg Leatherland, Carl Yaroschak, Craig Cadenhead with a pair

and Tony Van Dam were the marksmen. Rob Murray, Van Dam, Todd Lazenby, Frank Kataleris, Yaroschak, Evan Hayter, Leatherland, Lee Yaroschak earned the assists.

Firefighters title winners

Acton Firefighters blasted Elora 12-7 in their championship game. Richard Kilpatrick potted a hat trick, Chris Hicks, Randy Coverdale each netted two, while Bill Morrison, David Milne, Brad Macpherson and Paul Cargill collected singles.

Morrison, Cargill, Kilpatrick, Stan Smith, Rick Dodds nabbed a pair of assists each. MacPherson, Todd Laing and Dave McKnight pocketed singles.

Rotary letdown costly

A third-period let down cost the Rotary

Club their minor bantam title, as they fell to Kitchener Ramparts 6-1.

Acton had a one-goal lead on a marker from Michael Fronteddu but Kitchener came back to tie it with only 54 seconds left in the middle frame. Ramparts wrapped up the championship with five more goals in the third.

Heath Norton and Tony Van Dam picked up the Acton aids.

Moms miss crown

Fergus snatched victory from the Moms in a heartbreaking 5-4 decision for the

minor atom title.

Fergus opened the scoring, but Steve Robertson replied for Acton. They went ahead again in the first period only to have Sean Sears pot the equalizer in the second.

Rene VanKesteren put Moms in front midway through the second period and Tim Tibbitts padded their lead by two goals early in the third.

But Fergus came back, tying the game at 13:24 and clinching it with only 1:24 left to play.

VanKesteren and Mike Brouwer picked up two assists. Sears, Ian Johnston, Jeff McRae, and Chris Graham earned singles.

Beardmore nipped

Beardmore minor peewees were nipped by Kitchener White 4-3 in the fifth game Sunday. Beardmore came back to tie the game early in the match, but Kitchener proved too strong for them.

Mike Baker, Tom Atherton and Peter Cargill were the goalcorers.

Marathon match

Only an overtime goal, scored after close to six periods of hockey kept the Lions Club from the major peewee championship at Kitchener White nipped them 3-2.

Lions came alive in the third period to play probably their best of the season tying the game 2-2 on a pair of goals from Steve Wagner.

Then in the third 10-minute overtime period, Kitchener's Rick Halter stunned the crowd by ending the game at 7:51. They had played a total of 64 minutes of hockey in a game that took over three hours to decide.

Lions came up with an outstanding effort for the last game of the season. Steve Martin was credited with an assist.

Champions day marks the end of the all-star hockey season. League banquet and awards night is Friday, May 1, at the Legion from 6 to 8 p.m. A dance for parents follows at 9 p.m.



Rick Dodds, captain of the Firefighters, raises major bantam championship trophy.



John Van Dam of Laing major atoms holds aloft the Hub league championship trophy.



Rene VanKesteren of minor atom Moms accepts the consolation trophy from Jim Ingels.



Peter Cargill accepts the consolation trophy for Beardmore minor peewees.