

Subsectionals attract praise

The Subsectional competitions for the Central Ontario Region of the Canadian Figure Skating Association were held this past Saturday and Sunday at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena in Georgetown and several area skaters figured prominently in the results.

The Subsectionals are an adjunct of the more important Sectionals and occur when a certain category in the respective events is filled to overflowing.

In the Central region's case, two categories, Pre-Novice and Novice Ladies, had an overabundance of skaters and thus the Subsectionals were staged. Each class consisted of three flights, A, B and C of 12 competitors and these flights were subsequently thinned down into two sub flights of six skaters each.

In order to qualify for the Sectionals, to be held at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, November 13, 14, 15 and

16, a skater had to finish in the top four of her flight.

Of particular interest to area figure skating people was the performance of 14-year-old Cindy McGiloway of Acton, who finished third in Pre-Novice Ladies Singles Group "B" and thus will appear in the Sectionals. Other Halton area skaters to make the Sectionals were Nancy Buys and Patty and Sindy Van Wieren, of Oakville.

Local interest was also apparent in the performance of Miss Patricia Fletcher of Toronto. Patricia and Chris Barber of Georgetown, will be competing in the Sectionals in the Novice Dance category so there were many local people rooting for her. Moral support aside, Patricia put on a fine free-skating exhibition on Sunday and finished first in the Novice Ladies Singles Group "B".

Another young lady from Acton, Diane Baginski, who competed in the Pre-Novice

Ladies Singles Group "B" category, finished eighth in her flight and unfortunately will not be competing in the Sectionals.

Although the Subsectionals are regarded as an adjunct to the Sectionals, for those skaters involved, the pressure is just the same and the decision as to whether or not to compete is just as important. Should a skater decide to enter these competitions, regardless of their placing, they are eliminated from further club and inter-club competition for that year. It places a great burden on the skater, the pro and the parents and for many of the young skaters competing over the past weekend the subsectionals represented the pinnacle of their young careers.

From an organizational point of view, the Subsectionals couldn't have been run better. The officials in charge included approximately 100 people from

the Georgetown Figure Skating Club, plus 40 officials from the Central Ontario Section.

Shirley Marsden, the championship chairwoman for the Central Ontario Region, was on hand over the weekend and she was extremely pleased with the operation. She complimented the Georgetown Club for its part in the event and commented, "Things have been going super. We've had tremendous co-operation from the local club and the lovely new facility has aided our job."

Over 800 spectators took in Sunday's free-skating part of the competition and according to Mrs. Marsden, this is a better crowd than normally seen at Subsectionals and augers well for the success of the Sectionals in terms of spectator response.

There were several outstanding free-skating routines performed on Sunday, however a sour note was entered into the proceedings regarding the condition of the ice. No one from either the Georgetown Figure Skating Club or the Central Ontario Regional group voiced criticism about the ice, but several skaters were overheard commenting on the failure of the skates to grip the surface. On top of this, gouge marks were visible as well as water spots.

At one point, near the end of Sunday's competition, a layer of fog formed, hovering just above ice level. The personnel at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena did do a fine job during the two-day event, however it is too hoped that their minor problems that did crop up can be eliminated before the all important Sectionals.

In the Novice Ladies Singles Group "A", the Sectional qualifiers were, in order of standings, Michelle Simpson, Elmvalle Figure Skating Club Shawn Shanly, Toronto, CS & CC; Glenda Poirier,

Upper Canada SC; and Sindy Van Wieren, New Oakville FSC.

Patricia Fletcher, upper Canada Figure Skating Club; Nancy Buys, New Oakville FSC; Patricia Graham, Toronto CS & CC; and Kelly Johnson, Upper Canada SC qualified in the Novice Ladies Singles Group "B".

In the novice Ladies Singles Group "C", Sectional qualifiers included Linda Belec, Unionville Skating Club; Marg Blantyne, TORonto S & CC; Pamela Reeks, Unionville SC and Dawn Thomson, Toronto CS & CC.

The Pre-Novice Ladies Singles Group "C" Sectional qualifiers included, Carol Hume, Toronto CS & CC; Renee Ludvik, Toronto C CC; Janis Rosen, and Mandy Annis, Upper Canada S.C.

Cindy McGiloway of the Action Figure Skating Club finished third in her flight of Pre-Novice Ladies Singles Group "B", along with,

Pamela Leah Thomson of the Upper Canada SC; Vicki Lea Miller, Unionville FSC and Catherine Ann Russell, Unionville SC.

In Pre-Novice Ladies Singles Group "A", the Sectional qualifiers included, Donna Martini, Woodbridge FSC; Laura Hallis, Upper Canada SC; Diana Rankin, Toronto CS & CC, and Sherri Hardinge, Unionville, SC.

The attraction of the Central Ontario Regional Sectionals has been tremendously enhanced by the announcement that Toller Cranston, recognized throughout the world as perhaps the best male fre-skater competing today, will skate a special exhibition. Although a definite time has not yet been finalized, and a further announcement will follow, it is expected that Toller will be performing Saturday, November 15.



MISS CINDY MCGILLOWAY of Acton skated in the Subsectionals held this past weekend at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. Cindy placed third in her flight in Pre-Novice Ladies singles and thus advances to Sectional competition. The Sectionals will be held in Georgetown, November 13, 14, 15 and 16.

HERALD sports

Sectionals for David, Leslie



DAVID WATSON, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson of 70 Weber Drive Georgetown, will be competing in the Central Ontario Regional Sectionals to be held at Georgetown's Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, November 13, 14, 15 and 16. David will be skating in the Pre-Novice Mens category.

The Central Ontario Regional Sectionals of the Canadian Figure Skating Association will be held in Georgetown 13, 14, 15 and 16 of November and this Georgetown area will be represented by four young skaters.

David Watson will enter the Pre-Novice Mens category. Lealie Tonna will be competing in Junior Lads and Chris Barber and Patti Fletcher will be entering the Novice Dance Category.

To introduce area skating enthusiasts to the young skaters, this week's paper will feature background on Leslie Tonna and David Watson, while next week's edition will feature Chris Barber and Patricia Fletcher.

Lealie Tonna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tonna of 9th Line, Norval and the 15-year-old young lady is a grade 10 student at Milton District High School. Leslie started skating at the age of nine in Chinguacousy and is currently a member of the Granite

Figure Skating Club of Toronto under the tutelage of Mrs. Louis Strong.

Miss Tonna has skated in Georgetown but her quest to improve has led her to Toronto, where every summer she is taken up as she trains at Weston during figure skating's lean months.

She has been active competitively since 1972 and, despite other accomplishments in her relatively short career, still regards her initial triumph as the high point of her skating career to date. She competed in the Peterboro Interclub competition in 1972 along with skaters from Oakville, Credit Valley, Oshawa and Lakeshore clubs and took first place in the Pre-Novice Ladies category.

In 1973, Leslie entered the Sectionals, again in the Pre-Novice Ladies category and in the 1974 Divisionals held in Ottawa, the young skater placed fourth in Novice Ladies.

This year, with the exception

of upcoming sectionals, Miss Tonna's competitive skating has been limited to an inter-club competition held in Oakville. In this competition, she placed first in the Novice Ladies event.

Leslie's immediate goal is a Canadian Figure Skating Championship and her ultimate goal is to represent her country in the Olympics.

With this in mind, the Central Ontario Regional Sectionals are of prime importance as she will be competing against more experienced skaters and, depending on her performance, stands a good chance to gain more than just area recognition.

David Watson, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson of 70 Weber Drive of Georgetown is no stranger to area figure skating adherents and his accomplishments in a relatively short span of competitive skating more than speak for themselves.

David has been skating from age six, but has been engaged

at the competitive angle for a mere year and a half. In that time, he has successfully passed his second and third figures won two bronze medals at the North Bay "Make A Date To Skate" Free Skating Invitational in the Juvenile Mens and the Pre-Novice Mens, and in the higher calibre, Central Ontario Sectional competition held at Hyland's Ice Centre in Toronto this past August, he won a bronze medal in the Pre-Novice category and a Silver medal in the Interpretive category.

David is a Grade Seven student at Centennial Public School, here in Georgetown, but most of his spare time is taken up by his chosen sport. Although he is a member of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club, his instructor is Mr. Rick Dowling of Oakville and David trains in the summer in Chinguacousy in the fall in Port Credit and in the winter here at home.

In the Sectionals competition, young Mr. Watson

will be competing in the Pre-Novice Mens category and his free-skating performance is sure to please those in attendance.

He plans on skating to the music of The Entertainer, from the movie, The Sting, and his choreographed routine is sure to provide some thrilling moments.

As far as goals are concerned, David is at present aiming for a berth in the Canadians and, as witness his drive to better himself competitively, his biggest thrill was successfully completing a double axel in practice last year, rather than the medals he has won in actual competition.

He is most definitely a young man on the rise in the world of figure skating.



MISS LESLIE TONNA will be representing Georgetown in the upcoming Sectionals as she will be competing in the Junior Ladies category. Leslie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tonna, Ninth Line Norval and hopes to some day represent Canada in the Olympics.

The Raiders sag twice

Can lightning strike twice in the same place? For the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders of the OHA Intermediate "A" loop, the question is rather a moot one. Because, to the chagrin of the "Red and White" crew, it not only can, it did.

The Raiders played a home and home series with the Dundas Merchants this past week, in Georgetown on Wednesday night and in Dundas on Friday evening, and although the intermediate season is still very young, the two-game clash was for first place.

The Raiders, at least for the present, will have to concede a better spot in the standings to Dundas, as they lost at home, 7-2 then were downed 6-2 in Dundas on Friday. In both games, the Dundas team exploded for the winning margin in the final 20 minutes.

Both games followed virtually the same pattern; tight low scoring contests for two periods followed by a Dundas barrage in the third period.

On Wednesday night, the score was 2-2 following 40 minutes of play, then Dundas popped five unanswered goals within a span of 11 minutes to take the two points.

On Friday night the Raiders led 3-2, following a goal at the 19:32 mark of the second period by Tom Gilbert, then Dundas again shifted into high gear, scoring four unanswered goals, this time within a span of ten minutes, for the win. This lack of finishing power must be cured if the Raiders are to remain one of the favourites for the Intermediate "A" crown.

The Raider resurgence was shortlived however as Dundas hit the scoresheet for a 3-2 lead at the 1:56 mark on a goal by Murray James and, when the ice chips had settled at the 11:36 mark, were in front by their winning margin of 7-2.

While a goater must certainly take the final responsibility for a goal, Raider netminder Keith Pallett was not solely at fault, as a defensive breakdown allowed Dundas to run amuck in the 'Red and White' during their onslaught.

In Dundas on Friday, the Raiders seemed to have a definite edge in play at the end of two periods. The sparse crowd, which took in the game at the Dundas arena, sensed this and were quick to provide verbal prods in the direction of the Dundas bench.

The Raiders held a 3-2 lead after two periods, on goals by Neil Cotton, Craig Simpson and Tommy Gilbert but then a rash of rearguard penalties whithered the Raider defence and the Merchants once more pelted Pallett with potshots.

At the 3:31 mark of the final frame, Neil Cotton received five minutes and a match penalty for an alleged spear and Dundas leaped at the opportunity. The Raiders

were forced to play short-handed for the duration of the five-minute major, and in that interim, Dundas scored three times, Doug Cook, Rick Pointin and Ron Wilson were the marksmen, for a 5-3 lead.

In the final 12 minutes of play, the Raiders picked up five minors and a major, three minors by defencemen, George Grigor and two minors and a ten-minute misconduct to goater Keith Pallett and the issue was decided.

Rick Pointin who had opened the Dundas scoring early in the second period, scored the final tally for the 6-2 Dundas win at the 14:55 mark. Stan Rykman was the other Dundas sharpshooter.

The Raider record now stands at three wins and three losses, with their next home game scheduled for this Friday at 8:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena and their next away game next Tuesday in Port Colborne.



Raiders scoring chance thwarted by Dundas goater, Gerry Aussem. Craig Impson, (left) and Pete Bettio just failed to capitalize on this chance but there were many other missed opportunities as well as the Raiders dropped a 6-2 decision to the Merchants.

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Gage lets up and loses

Last Thursday, the Georgetown Gage Stationary Bantams dropped a 4-3 decision to Brampton and for the most part, it was merely a case of letting up at the wrong time. The Gage crew jumped into a 2-0 lead, but then coasted slightly and before they could regain their form, found themselves behind, 3-2.

Brampton's close checking prevented Georgetown from bursting out in the third frame and as the buzzer sounded, Brampton had their 4-3 win. Gage Stationary Major Bantam goal scorers included Mike McMenemy, with two, while Dave Kemshead added a single.

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