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Barber and Johnson win



Kris Barber and Kelly Johnson won at the Eastern Canadian Figure Skating competition held at Montreal over the weekend. Barber and Johnson will now prepare for the Canadians to be held in Thunder Bay later this month. This photograph was taken during one of the dance pair's practise sessions.

Kris Barber and Kelly Johnson returned from Montreal on Monday one step closer to achieving their goal.

Barber and Johnson took the title in the dance pairs competition at the Eastern Canada divisional figure-skating championships.

From his home in Glen Williams a tired Barber told The Herald on Monday that he is now very confident that he and Johnson can make a good run at winning the Canadian championship. The national championship will be held in Thunder Bay later this month.

Barber and Johnson finished fourth at the championships held last year in British Columbia.

However, last year was the first year the two young skaters had teamed up for the Canadians.

MUCH IMPROVED

Barber said earlier this year that they are much improved over a year ago as both have been training very hard. He also said motivational courses the two have taken have helped them out.

At the Central Ontario Sectional Championships held in Thornhill last month Barber and Johnson had a very easy time winning their division as they topped the scores on all the judges' cards.

The story was much the same this time around as again Barber and Johnson dominated the event.

Teri-Lynn Black and David Dunstan, of Toronto, who finished a distant second to Barber and Johnson at the sectionals came up with a third at the Canadians.

Second place in Montreal went to Darlene Wendt and Wayne Hussey of Ottawa.

Sylvie Ethier and Jean Bernier of Montreal were fourth at the competition. All four dance pairs will qualify for the Canadians.

This is the last year that Barber and Johnson will be eligible to compete in the junior division. No matter what happens at Thunder Bay they will be seniors next year.

For CFSC competitions the members of a junior dance pair can be any age. However, they must not have ever won the competition and they can only compete in the junior section for three years.

Barber skated at the nationals with Johnson last year and the year before he competed there with Pat Fletcher as his partner.

There is no doubt the dance pair will be going all out to cap their junior careers with a championship later this month at Thunder Bay.

Kevin Parker skates steady

Kevin Parker skated to a steady victory in the men's single event at the Central Canadian Figure Skating divisionals held in Sarnia over the weekend.

The victory marked the third year in a row the Campbellville skater has taken the junior men's title at the competition.

Parker will now move onto the Canadian championships to be held at Thunder Bay January 28 to February 4.

In the sectionals held last month Parker was forced to come up with a big performance in the free skating

competition to take first place.

CLOSE COMPETITION

This time, although it was a very close competition, throughout, Parker was close to or in the lead the whole way.

Parker was very steady in the figures and when they were over he was a close second to Mitch Griffen.

Parker, who skates out of Kitchener-Waterloo, had the best scores in the compulsory figures. When they were over he and Griffen were tied for first place.

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Raiders have to cut down

The Georgetown Raiders must have only 21 OHA player cards in their possession by midnight tonight.

That means that at least three of the players who are at present signed by the Raiders will be cut by midnight.

There is no doubt that even more than three players will be given their walking papers by the Raider executive.

Here is how the system works. Each Intermediate "A" club is issued 30 cards at

the beginning of the year. They can sign players to as many of those cards as they please.

When January 10 (today) rolls around the team has to give the OHA back nine of those cards, either signed or unsigned.

That means that if the Raiders decide to cut only three players they will not have any empty cards left, which would leave the Raiders with no recourse than to finish the season with the

21 players who own cards.

The chances of the Raiders not leaving themselves with at least a few unsigned cards are about as good as Georgetown going snowless through January and February. The Raiders will definitely trim their roster so that they have three or more unsigned cards.

Here are the Raiders who are at present signed: Peter McDuffe, Ron Twiss, John Boyce, Juri Kudrasovs, Steve Novis, Colin Gordon,

Pierre Pilote, Bill Currie, Peter Sturgeon, Pat Maloney, Ray Evans, Ray Tonelli, Chris Milne, Bob Elinesky, Gary Barden, Tom Daley, Terry Porter, Steve Blundy, Bill Masters, Ron Fogal, Mario MacDonald, Brian McBratney, John Lunn and Neil Cotton.

The fact the Raiders have to trim the roster may put an official end to Cotton's career as a Raider. Up to now there had been hope in some

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Lise Smith, 12, of Georgetown will be a very busy young lady when the Canadian Figure Skating Championships take place at Thunder Bay later this month.

Lise qualified in two separate events at the Central Canadian Divisionals held in Sarnia over the weekend.

She was third in the Novice singles event and she and her partner Sidney Shanks came fourth in the pairs competition.

Anyone or pairs finishing fourth or better in the divisionals qualifies to compete in the Canadians.

Lise and her partner skate out of the Preston Figure Skating club.

It is uncommon for a skater to compete in two events, but to qualify for the Canadians in more than one event is almost unheard of.

Lise and her mother live in Preston during the skating season, but the family's home is still in Georgetown. Up until this year Lise skated as a member of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club.