

Sports Week

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Skaters figure it's time



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With the kick-off of this year's skating season, the Georgetown Figure Skating Club is embarking upon their 25th Anniversary!

The Club came into being in the fall of 1955-56 with Mrs. Shortill as its first president. While figures are not available as to how many skaters registered the first year, it is known that 100 children registered the following year. Since then the Club has grown steadily in numbers until last year when a total of 275 skaters were enrolled. Final figures on this year's registration are not yet available, however, it is hoped that the club will at least meet last year's figures in membership.

In the early years, the club was run by a few hard-working, devoted people, but as the club grew, so did the need for additional help until this year the club will have an executive body of 16 members.

In their 1958-59 season, the G.F.S.C. became affiliated with the Canadian Figure Skating Association, which has proven most helpful in the development of the club.

In addition to Mrs. Shortill the club has been guided by several other presidents. Some of those whom have held the office of chief executive are the Rev. Alex Calder, Des Howell, Trevor Moores, Tom Pettingill, Tony Corbett, Bob Howard and currently Ron Snow.

While it is the aim of the club to provide instruction for the various levels of figure skating, the Club has managed to provide a measure of entertainment for the people of Georgetown and surrounding district down through the years with their annual Carnival.

In 1955-56 it was "Ice Follies of 1956" followed in 1956-57 by "Rhapsody on Ice". Since then the Club has presented such shows as "Around the World", "Mary Poppins", "Holidaze on Ice", "Jesus Christ Superstar", "Disney", "The Greatest

Show on Ice", "That's Entertainment", and finally "The Wiz of Oz". And with these shows, have appeared many talented guest skaters. Who remembers Barbara Wagner and Bob Paul when they performed in "Rhapsody on Ice" in 1956-57? That same year they became World Pairs Champions and repeated the feat in 1958, 1959 and 1960! In 1960 they also became the Olympic Pairs Champions.

And do you remember in 1962 when World Champion, Donald Jackson skated in "Jesus Christ Superstar" and later performed at the official opening of the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena?

Other skaters who have thrilled our Carnival audiences over the years are Ron Shaver, Toller Cranston, Kevin Parker, John Dowding and Kris Barber, who with his partner Kelly Johnson were 1979 Junior Dance Champions of Canada.

Down through the years, the Club has prospered in no small way as a result of the help and encouragement received from the various groups, service clubs and citizens at large. This assistance is very much appreciated and the club is deeply grateful.

At present the Club is working on plans for a "special show" to help celebrate their 25th anniversary, and they are anxious to get in touch with former executive members and teaching professionals. If you can be of help in putting the club in touch with any of these people, please contact Mrs. M. Garrison, c/o The Georgetown Figure Skating Club, P.O. Box 74, Georgetown, L7G 4T1.

Meteors inter-city soccer champions

The 1979 soccer season ended on a successful note for the Meteor 'B' team with a victory in the third and final playoff game against the league champions Guelph Crusaders.

The first two games followed the pattern of the regular season with Guelph winning the first game in Guelph by a score of 4-2 and the Meteors winning at home 2-1.

RUBBER MATCH

The third and deciding game was played in Guelph, and in the first 20 minutes it looked as if the Meteors would run away with the game. The first goal for the Meteors was scored by Mike Ackroyd, following sustained pressure and many close calls. The Meteors continued to press with Paul Hulbert, Greg Branch and George Boutasis all coming close to adding to the score. The

pressure finally paid off with Andy Tyrell scoring from a long shot which the Guelph goalie mishandled.

With the score 2-0 for the Meteors it appeared that the Meteors were in complete control but just before the end of the first half Guelph scored on a break away and the first half ended 2-1 in favour of the Meteors.

OVERTIME

The goal, scored just before the end of the half, seemed to give Guelph a lift and they came out. Continuous pressure finally resulted in a second goal for Guelph to tie the score but, this brought the Meteors back to life and the balance of the game consisted of end to end action with both teams coming close to scoring the winning goal.

Regulation time expired with the score 2-2 and it was time for overtime. Again the

two overtime periods consisted of end to end action but, with neither team able to score the winning goal. It was not time for penalty kicks and the Meteors won the shoot out by the score of 4-3 on goals by Mike Ackroyd, George Boutasis, Paul Hulbert, and Andy Tyrell.

All three games were hard fought but, the spirit and friendly attitude that was present in each game made the fact that one team had to lose a misnomer.

The Meteor team consisted of Bertram Hack, player-coach Erwin Wittich, player-manager and Jim Clark, Mario Rossett, Louise Petrovic, Jim Gorgiev, Doug Morris, Romano DiGenova, Mike Ackroyd, Mike Hastings, Andy Tyrell, Paul Carter, Paul Hulbert, Greg Branch, Warren Welner, George Boutasis and Joe Seball.

Industrial hockey starts

Yet another hockey league got off to a new season's start this week. The Georgetown Industrial Hockey League faced off Sunday morning with three games and all the players at the Gordon Alcott arena.

The six team league consists of Norval, Philp Publishing, Akers-Clark, United Rental, Royal Pizza and Glen Williams. The Norval and Philp team were the big winners last year. But, it will be different in the 20 game schedule each team plays this season. After this week, when the teams can get a look at their players, they will have to produce a protected list of 15 skaters and two goaltenders. Any other players they have around their team will go into a draft as of Oct. 21 and will be dispersed amongst the league equally.

Akers-Clark 3 - United Rental 3

Akers-Clark and United Rental got the season underway with a 3-3 tie in the first game. It was Akers-Clark all the way in the first period as Greg Bodnar opened the scoring, on a pass from Grant Bodnar who got it from Jerry Neil at 11:57. Just 1.31 later Tom Connerty scored an unassisted goal at 13:29 to end the period scoring at 2-0.

In the second frame it was only Dan Boland of the United Rental team who could score, with assistance from Brian McKenzie, just 27 seconds into the period.

The third period had Doug Getty netting one for Akers-Clark at 9:26 from Wayne Doucette and Tom Connerty. Andy Broadbent and Steve Crossman (a couple of junior Gem players) teamed up for a United score at 12:44. Broadbent came back with 48 seconds left in the game to tie the score at 19:12 on a pass from Brian McKenzie.

Norval 5 -

Glen Williams 0
Glen Williams got off to a rough start losing to Norval 6-0. Dave Holmes got the scoring started at 9:11 of the first period assisted by Doug Anderson.

In the second part of the game Brian Beaumont from Larry Peterson at 8:29 and Charlie Knoepfli from Ian Syme and Larry Peterson at 16:10 made it 3-0 at the end.

By the third period Norval was well on their way and scored three more times. Ed Schroeder from John Thompson at 6:05 was the first. Then Knoepfli notched his second, from George Poulson and Brian Beaumont at 14:28. Doug Anderson ended the massacre with a second left in the game on a pass from

Dave Holmes.

Philp Publishing 5 - Royal Pizza 2

Another top finisher in last year's league, Philp Publishing got off to a good start when they beat Royal Pizza 5-2.

Mike Cann got the first goal of the game for Philp with assists going to Dan Malloy and Don Parsons at 13:21 of the opening period. Louis D'Crazimade made it 2-0 at 17:45 with help from Mike Cann and Ken McDonald.

The second period scoring was opened by Curt Brownlee of the Royal's at 4:29, with Blake Emmerson picking up the assist. Louis D'Orazio who teamed up with Don Parsons, scored his second of the morning at 12:14. Wayne Smallwood scored an unassisted goal for Philp at 16:12 to lead 4-1 after two.

Bob Bryant tried to gain some face for his Royal team with an unassisted goal at 7:28 of the final frame. Randy Tobbins sealed the win at 16:23 with the help of Wayne Smallwood.

This Sunday morning at 7:45 the Glen Williams team and Royal Pizza takes to the ice. At 9:15 it will be United Rental vs Philp Publishing. At 10:45 Akers-Clark take on Norval.