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## Johnson-Allen duo advances to COSSIC

Katherine Johnson and Jonathan Allen took first place in the Junior Silver Mixed Dance at the Inter-Club Figure Skating competition, and now advance to the COSSIC finals in March.

A total of eight clubs were represented at the Inter-Club competition, held in Brampton in early February. Only the top skaters in each of the categories advance to the Central Ontario Section (COSSIC) finals, being held in East York March 11-13.

The skating duo of Johnson and Allen were the only competitors from the Georgetown Figure Skating Club to advance to the next level of competition, but many other

local skaters had creditable showings at the Inter-Club event.

Georgetown club skaters who took second place in their respective categories included: Danielle Demble, Pre-Juvenile Ladies; Joanna Miller, Pre-Novice Ladies; Katherine Johnson, Ladies Junior Silver Solo Dance; Kara Lynn Palmer, Senior Silver Solo Dance; and Adrienne Lilly, Junior Ladies.

Third place performances were turned in by: Peter Johnson, Preliminary Men's Freeskate; Carrie Morris, Ladies' Interpretive; Danielle Orton, Juvenile Ladies; Paul Johnson, Juvenile Men; and Jonathan Allen, Men's Junior Silver Solo Dance.

## Irvine heads for Nationals

### Cross country skier qualifies for SOD team

Dean Irvine couldn't have picked a better year to make his mark in the sport of cross country skiing.

The 19-year-old Georgetown resident earned a berth on the Southern Ontario Division racing team, and will compete at the Canadian Nationals being held at Hundred Mile House, beginning March 3.

But Irvine left last Saturday for Alberta, where he is currently enjoying the Winter Olympics, through a package provided by Cross Country Canada, before heading on to British Columbia and the Nationals. In Alberta, he is staying at the Canmore Nordic Centre, in the thick of Olympic action.

By some standards, Irvine might still be considered a novice in the sport of cross country skiing, since he has only been racing for three years. But in a short time, he has come a long way.

Growing up, he played rep hockey, until he found it "got too brutal". That's when he turned to skiing.

"I made the transition quite fast actually," he says. "I went right into racing. I had skied before, but maybe only once over the winter. But I'm the type of person who does things a hundred per cent. I'll probably race for the rest of my life."

To earn a position with the SOD team, Irvine competed in seven preliminary races that began early in January. From those races, his best four counted towards his over all standing, based on a points system.

Competition at the races was always stiff, and at the Nationals it will be even tougher, of course. But Irvine looks forward to the challenge.

"It's going to be tough," he says. "People racing in anything at the national calibre are going to be tough. Many have been skiing since

they were very young, which makes a difference in their development."

Finding the proper training program is half the battle in developing as a cross country racer, and this June, it will have been two years that Irvine has been into serious training.

In the summer, the program tapers down somewhat, but "roller skiing" takes the place of snow skiing.

His heavy training schedule has also meant there had to be sacrifices.

Irvine's summer was spent concentrating on university courses, so that his winter months would be free.

It was also necessary for Irvine's parents to switch schedules to accommodate his pursuits, particularly when there was little snow to be found earlier in the season, and he had to make his way north to find suitable trails for skiing. But throughout his endeavor, Irvine says his parents have been there to support him.

At Hundred Mile House, the set-up for competition will be much the same as it is for the Olympics, with two skating races, two classic races, and the relays. Competition begins March 3.

Irvine isn't setting his sights too high, but he is going in with an optimistic outlook.

"I'd be really happy to finish in the top twenty," he says. "If I finished in the top 15, I'd be ecstatic. And it's not out of reach, with one good race. Thirty seconds in a race can sometimes mean the difference of five to ten spots."

On his return from BC, Irvine will be getting primed up for his next challenge, the Ontario Championships, which will be held March 19-20 at Hardwood Hills, near Barrie.



Dean Irvine will be at Hundred Mile House, British Columbia next week to compete at the Canadian National Junior cross country skiing championships. This week he's a spectator at the XV Winter Olympics in Alberta. (Herald photo)

## Argonaut enjoys meeting the folks

As a professional football player, Ian Beckstead has absolutely no misconceptions about who puts the meals on his dinner table.

And that's part of the reason the Toronto Argonaut centre was in Georgetown Saturday, to help launch the Halton Hills Big Brothers' Association annual Bowl for Millions.

"I just moved to Oakville in January," says Beckstead. "And I need time for my family. But I also want to get out and meet people. I enjoy it and it's good for the league."

Beckstead was with the CFL's Ottawa Rough Riders for the 1981 and '82 seasons, before joining the Toronto Argonauts late in 1983, in time for their Grey Cup championship win.

He's been with the club since then, except for 1986 when he retired to pursue his master's degree. During that time, he realized he still had the competitive spirit, and wanted to continue playing football.

"When I finished my master's, I had intended to go out and get into the working world," he says. "But I guess you just get addicted to it. Now, my whole attitude is different."

Beckstead is also a sales rep for Via athletic shoes, and now that he's made his home in Oakville, he intends to get involved in as many worthwhile programs as his time will allow.

He's very familiar with the Big Brothers program, and was happy that he could help out Saturday, signing autographs, and meeting many of the youngsters. "It's important to give something back to the community, and to be a role model for the kids."

To Beckstead this is an important part of ensuring his very survival as a pro football player.

After playing his college ball in Richmond, and enjoying hundreds of games as both player and spectator, he has a good handle on what people want to see.

"People pay their money to see a team air it out," he says, "not to see a guy carry the ball four yards and get tackled."

"We're competing intensely for the (sports) entertainment dollar in Toronto. And we've got to get the people excited."



Ian Beckstead

After going through a critical season in 1987, which saw Montreal bite the dust, the CFL is trying to rebuild their strength, and return to an even keel.

Beckstead feels the product put forth by the CFL is a good one, but it now comes down to a matter of marketing what they have.

"The league needs to get into the 80s with their marketing," he says. "And we have to play to the press. We can't look at the press as a pain in the butt. If we can get the press excited and positive, it helps. They can hype us, or they can kill us."

Beckstead had a busy afternoon Saturday. After bowling at the Georgetown Bowl, he rushed back to Oakville, where he was to appear at the Oakville Big Brothers' Bowl for Millions event.

Probably a good thing too. Chances are, he could only improve on the 135-game he bowled in Georgetown.

## Local bowlers compete at YBC zone finals

Coach Carolyn Lane took a team of Bantam girls to the Y.B.C. zone finals at Park Royal, Mississauga on Saturday, and the five girls - Cindy Clarke, Julie Lounds, Tanya Martin, Kerry Wright, Paula Mackie - proved themselves worthy representatives of Georgetown.

After the first game, they were second, 47 pins behind Brampton. After the second game, the locals cut the lead in half.

Finishing the third game, first place appeared to be locked up when they pulled ahead of Brampton, but Applewood sneaked in front by 17 pins when they bowled an exceptional last game for the tournament of 855. So, although the Georgetown girls each bowled every game better than their season average, they remained in second place.

**JUNIOR GIRLS**  
 The junior girls team representing Georgetown in the Y.B.C. zone finals bowled Saturday afternoon in Brampton. Shari Loke, Andrea McNelly, Tonya Morris, Joanne Maloney and Laura Doyle were coached by Gord Lane. Gord did not have any better luck than his wife Carolyn with her Bantams as his

team finished 79 pins out of first place.

**SENIOR GIRLS**  
 On Sunday, in Orangeville, the Georgetown Senior girls for the second time underwent a heart-rending effort.

After last year's loss by one pin, it seemed that this year's team would have better luck. But despite trying to dedicate a win to coach Joan Archibald in honor of her 35th wedding anniversary that day, they failed this time by two pins. Nevertheless, Tracy Weeks, Karen Doyle, Traci Peggie, Sandy Weeks and Dee Dee Haynes showed their appreciation by displaying banners, anniversary balloons and a special 'friendship' jade elephant figure as a memento of the occasion.

**SENIOR BOYS**  
 The battle for Senior boys' supremacy was Sunday afternoon in Bolton between the traditional rivalry centres of Avondale, Brampton and Georgetown.

After the first game, Brampton had 1249, Georgetown 1152, and Avondale 1094. After the second, the standing was Georgetown 2263, Brampton 2224 and Avondale 2106.

However, in the third, Avondale caught fire and rolled a 1279 game to place first with 3387, followed by Georgetown 3255, and Brampton 3222.

Coach Andy Parent had the boys

trying hard with Chris Somers leading with a 673 triple and Marc Bassett contributing a ngn 305 single. Mark Prevost, Ian Wilkes, and David Ridley complemented the local team.

## March break swimming schedule

There will be recreational public swims at the Acton and Georgetown Pools during the March Break, March 14 to 18, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

For more information on these and other times call the Georgetown Indoor Pool at 877-7721, or the Acton Indoor Pool at 853-5140.

## Free public skating program set

The following skating times are free courtesy of the Optimist Club of Georgetown and the Acton

Rotary Club. Thank you Service Clubs:

DATE	ACTON	MEMORIAL	ALCOTT
Sun. March 13		2:30-3:50 p.m.	1:00-2:20 p.m.
Mon. March 14	2:30-3:50 p.m.	1:00-2:20 p.m.	1:00-2:20 p.m.
Tues. March 15	2:30-3:50 p.m.	1:00-2:20 p.m.	1:00-2:20 p.m.
Wed. March 16	2:30-3:50 p.m.	1:00-2:20 p.m.	1:00-2:20 p.m.
Thurs. March 17	2:30-3:50 p.m.	1:00-2:20 p.m.	1:00-2:20 p.m.
Fri. March 18	2:30-3:50 p.m.		

For more information call the Georgetown Memorial Arena at 877-9612, Gordon Alcott Arena at

877-9488 or the Acton Community Centre Arena at 853-0020.

## Ski lessons offered

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department, in conjunction with the Glen Eden Ski Area, will be offering ski lessons during the March Break.

While Halton Hills may not have seen much snow this past winter, the ski area has been busy making their own. The program runs for four days with one lesson per day and transportation will be provided. Lessons are one hour in length. Ski rentals are available through Glen Eden at an additional cost paid per use.

The lessons are Monday through Thursday, March 14-17, and the cost is \$45 per person.

Bus pick-ups and drop-offs are as follows: Depart McKenzie-Smith Middle School 8:30 a.m.; Depart Gordon Alcott Arena 8:50 a.m.; Depart Pineview Public School 9:00 a.m.; Return Pineview Public School 5:20 p.m.; Return Gordon Alcott Arena 5:30 p.m.; And return McKenzie-Smith Middle School 5:50 p.m.

This program is dependent upon weather conditions. For more information call 877-5165 ext. 260.

## Efforts Recognized



Gerry Perkins, right, of Georgetown, was honored at the annual Tri-County President's Dinner in Stoney Creek Saturday night as the recipient of the Canadian

Amateur Hockey Association award for his service to minor hockey. Ken Russell, executive member of the OMHA is seen here making the presentation. (Herald photo)



The Jim Brockle Memorial Tri-County Honor Award, presented annually to a person making a worthwhile voluntary contribution toward minor hockey, was awarded to Wayne Pries at the Tri-County President's

Dinner in Stoney Creek Saturday night. Seen here, from left are Don Brockle, of Oakville, son of the late Jim Brockle, Wayne Pries, Judy Pries, and Karen Harrison, president of the Tri-County League. (Herald photo)

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