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GEORGETOWN FIGURE SKATING CLUB'S Juvenile Precision Skating team, "The Ice Dreamers" caught the audience's appreciative fancy during the Friday and Saturday Precision Team skating show on ice. The GFSC Juvenile team did ex-

remely well in their division, placing fifth overall in the Gold Medal Final standings in the Juvenile Invitational competition. (Herald photo by Ben Dummett)



POLITICAL DIGNITARIES and figure skating officials took part in the impressive Opening Ceremonies Saturday at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena for the Ontario Juvenile Team Precision Skating Championship and the Juvenile/Novice Team Precision Skating Invitational competition. From left to right, Carol Lamb, vice president of the Central Ontario Section of the Canadian Figure Skating Association; Ellen Curtis, precision skating

co-ordinator of the COS; Garth Turner, Halton-Peel Member of Parliament; Jocelyne Tetrault, constituent assistant for Halton North MPP Walt Elliot; Elaine Mathews, president of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club; Pete Pomeroy, Halton Regional Chairman; Karen Sykes, competition co-ordinator; competition organizer, Joan Dobson, and Georgetown skater Kristie Johnson, taking the oath of competition on behalf of the competitors. (Herald photo)



GEORGETOWN FIGURE SKATING CLUB Novice Ice Dreamers Precision Skating team performs one of their routines before an appreciative audience at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena on the

weekend. The Novice Ice Dreamers took fourth in the Novice Invitational silver medal segment of the Precision Team Skating competition. (Herald photo)

Precision teams in limelight

By COLIN GIBSON
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"A huge success, in every sense of the word," stated Karen Sykes, enthusiastically.

As one of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club co-ordinators of the Ontario Juvenile Precision Team skating championships and the Juvenile/Novice Precision Team skating invitational competition, staged at Georgetown's Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena Friday evening and all day and into the evening Saturday, Karen Sykes felt that the success of the event bodes well not only for the local club but for the sport itself in area public perception.

While neither of the Georgetown representative teams - the Juvenile and Novice "Ice Dreamers" - mounted the winners' podium, both teams acquitted themselves very well, leading to the success of the two-day affair.

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club, in conjunction with the Central Ontario Section of the Canadian Figure Skating Association, co-hosted the competition that saw 750 skaters representing 32 teams from across Ontario descend on Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena Friday and Saturday.

"The public response was terrific," stated Mrs. Sykes. "There was a crowd of well over 800 Friday night and well over that again on Saturday. People who didn't know Precision Team skating might have shown up out of curiosity, but then they stayed and even came back because they liked what they saw. We had countless complimentary remarks, both for the event and the excellence of the skaters."

Precision Team skating has been likened to synchronized swimming but the skaters are required to display both technical skating skills, originality and presence, all in a team-oriented format.

Skaters were judged on composition (originality and degree of difficulty in the routines in a variety of elements) and presentation.

The actual competition itself can be confusing for the uninitiated.

In the Ontario Juvenile Championship section, teams were divided into two flights with the top three in each flight advancing to challenge for the provincial title.

The bottom three teams in each flight then competed in the invitational competition, which was divided into three flights to decide finalists for the Invitational Gold and Silver medal competition.

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club Juvenile Ice Dreamers didn't make it into the provincial championship round but did qualify to challenge in the Invitational Gold Medal competition and finished fifth.

The Ontario Juvenile Precision Team Skating Championship was won by South Windsor Figure Skating Club Rose City Rhythms. Second place was taken by Brampton Figure Skating Club Littlest Angels and third place went to Burlington Figure Skating Club Ice Image.

The Invitational Juvenile Gold Medal was won by Iderton Winter Club The Mini-Jets. Merritton Figure Skating Club Royal Dimensions finished in second place and third place went to Thorold Figure Skating Club Heather's Honeys.

The Invitational Juvenile Silver Medal was won by Leaside Figure Skating Club Moonbeams. Minto Figure Skating Club Mini-Mints finished second, with Bracebridge Figure Skating Club Bracebridge

Blades finishing third.

JUVENILE ICE DREAMERS

Coach Peggy Ward. Members include Rachel Hepburn, Julie Watson, Nadine Holmes, Mandy Brown, Rene Kitchen, Christine Dawson, Katie Stansfield, Linda Lacroix, Peter Johnson, Jenny Smith, Leslie Watson, Brianne Beaumont, Tim Baker, Seabrooke Leckie, Erin Longworth and Scott Bentley.

The Novice Invitational competition saw competing teams divided into two flights, with the top three teams in each flight advancing to compete for the Gold Medal and the remaining teams competing for the Silver Medal.

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club Novice Ice Dreamers finished fifth in their flight and fourth overall in the Silver Medal competition.

The Novice Invitational Gold Medal was won by Kitchener-Waterloo Figure Skating Club Diamonds On Ice. Fort Erie Figure Skating Club Fort Erie Optimistics finished second and the Burlington Figure Skating Club Ice Image placed third.

The Novice Silver Medal was won by Mississauga Figure Skating Club Magic Motion. Langton and Area Figure Skating Club Crystal Dimensions finished second and Kingsfield-Gosfield Figure Skating Club Sun Parlour Ice Graphics finished third.

NOVICE ICE DREAMERS

Coach Gale Verhaegan. Team members include Kristy Johnson, Yvonne Moore, Amy Sykes, Krysten McBride, Susan Gilpen, Cathryn Vaters, Amy Longworth, Angela Lee, Leslie Watson, Peter Johnson, Amber Lyons, Jessica Hepburn, Danyelle Orton, Carrie Crocker, Louise Hatton, Linda Lacroix, Christine Dawson and Rachael Baker.

Exhibition squash

Sabir Butt to visit

Squash aficionados in Halton Hills are in for a treat this Friday evening as the Georgetown Racquet Club, located on Armstrong Ave., has scheduled a special exhibition match in conjunction with the 1990 club championships.

Sabir Butt, presently ranked Number One in Canada, will be taking on former Georgetown Racquet Club member, Steve Eastwood, in the special exhibition match which is scheduled to start at 8:15 p.m.

The 1990 club championships began yesterday (Tuesday) and wind up this coming Saturday.

Tonight (Wednesday) starting at 6:30 p.m., Men's "C" semifinals, Men's "B" semifinals and Masters semifinals are scheduled.

Tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m., Men's "B" semifinals and Men's "A" semifinals are slated.

Friday night, in conjunction with the 8:15 p.m. special exhibition match, the Masters Final is scheduled to get underway at 7 p.m.

Saturday is the wrapup day with the Men's "B" Final going at 1 p.m., the Ladies "B" Final starting at 2 p.m., the Men's "C" Final being contested at 2:45 p.m., the Men's "D" Final getting underway at 3:30 p.m., the Ladies "A" Final slated for 6:15 p.m., the Men's "A" Final scheduled for 7:15 p.m. and the Open Final scheduled for 8:15 p.m.