

Bell, Swiegers making strides

In their quest to earn full status with Skate Canada, the senior figure skating pair of Acton's Hayleigh Bell and former Olympian Rudi Swiegers has been making strides recently, earning a fifth-place standing in their first official competition together at last week's Autumn Classic Invitational in Barrie.



Acton's Hayleigh Bell and pairs partner Rudi Swiegers perform the short program during the Skate Canada Autumn Classic Invitational held this past week in Barrie. The pair finished fifth in the senior division. Submitted photo

The duo needs to place in the top five at the 2016 National Skating Championships in Halifax coming up in January in order to receive Skate Canada funding as they've only been together for a few months, training at the WinSport facility in Calgary.

The 18-year-old Bell had a promising career going following three Canadian titles in consecutive years at the pre-novice, novice and junior levels, but the retirement of her longtime skating partner, Alistair Sylvester, coupled with two surgeries to her leg, left the Stewarttown Public School graduate in limbo.

Swiegers, a native of Kipling, Sask., represented Canada at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia and was also left looking for a partner last year. He and Bell began skating as a pair in February in Calgary and entered the senior ranks in May.

Bell and Swiegers have been assigned by Skate Canada to compete in next month's Rostelecom Cup in Russia and because they don't receive funding from the organization, they've started up a fundraising campaign on the pursuit website to help cover what's estimated to be \$100,000 in expenses for one year.

For more info, visit the 'Team Hotrod' site at www.pursuit.it/pursuit/campaign/134

JUNIOR JAGS CAN JUMP: A swarming offensive attack led by Anna Kiroplis (12) of Christ the King's Jaguars often left White Oaks players outnumbered as the hosts rolled to a 37-11 victory Monday afternoon in a junior girls' Tier II basketball contest. The junior Jags finished the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association regular season in second place with a 9-1 record and will host a yet-to-be determined opponent on Thursday, Nov. 5 in a Tier II quarterfinal. Meanwhile, the 5-3 GDHS junior Rebels can host a Tier I quarterfinal next week with a win today over Milton's Jean Vanier. Photo by Eamonn Maher



A 5-1 record at the Clarington Applefest Tournament resulted in silver medals for members of the North Halton novice B Twisters. Team members (front, from left) are: Elise Singh, Lizzie Poole. Second row: Hailey Rye, Addison Hauver, Sara Hillock. Third row: Emma Gombocz, Justine Somers, Lauren Holland, Gaby Jennings, Jordan Palmer. Back row: Assistant coach Sean Jennings, Keira Marling, Addison Rye, Keira Savin-Kolic, Ashlyn Carter, Hayden Camara, Reave King, Julia Power, head coach Derek Power, assistant Mike Hauver. Absent from photo: Trainers Janice Power and Carrie Marling and manager Craig Holland. Submitted photo

Team of the Week: Novice Twisters

The North Halton Twisters swept through the preliminary round without a loss in the eight-team novice B division at the Applefest Girls' Hockey tournament in Clarington earlier this month before coming away with silver medals after a 3-2 loss to Stoney Creek in the final.

Preliminary round — North Halton 7, Oshtawa 1; North Halton 2, Peterborough 1; North Halton 5, Whitby 3; North Halton 1, Markham-Stouffville 0

Semifinal — North Halton 2, Peterborough 0
Championship — Stoney Creek 3, North Halton 2

Minor baseball AGM on deck Nov. 12

The Halton Hills Minor Baseball Association will hold its annual general meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Cedarvale Community Centre in Georgetown beginning at 8 p.m.

Community members, sponsors, players and parents are invited to attend.

For more information, contact HHMBA president Larry Fitzgerald at larry.fitzgerald@hhmba.ca

Clarification

In an article in last week's *Independent & Free Press* on the Ace2Putt mini-golf feature, it stated that the Halton Hills Public Library had agreed to hosting a golf event

in the spring.

A presentation by Ace2Putt was made to the library, but it has yet to determine whether the golf event will take place.

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