

# CARLE 'BACK IN THE GROOVE' AFTER 3RD PLACE FINISH AT SECTIONALS

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Hélène Carle admits it hasn't been the easiest year. In fact, it's been a bit of a rough go since she made the jump to the junior ranks.

Since she started skating at the age of six, there was always steady improvement, but those top results have been harder to come by the last few years.

Now competing at the senior level, the Georgetown skater surprised herself at Skate Ontario Sectionals in Oakville when she delivered the top score (58.54) in the short program.

And though she slipped to third after the free program, Carle said her performance sectionals has given her a boost as she prepares for Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.

"I have more confidence with the elements I'm putting out in my program. I know I can go out there and skate clean," she said. "I feel like I got back in the groove."

Carle, who competes for Skate Oakville, started Saturday's flawless short program with a triple loop, double toe combination and followed it up with a triple Salchow. She kept things rolling with a double Axel while earning high marks for her spins.

And there's still some room to boost that score. Carle replaced a triple Lutz with the triple Salchow for sectionals, but hasn't ruled out going



Mario Bartel photo  
Hélène Carle, shown competing at nationals in Vancouver in January, earned the highest score for her short program on her way to a third-place finish in the senior women's division at the Skate Ontario Sectionals in Oakville. Sister Audrey finished second in women's pre-novice while Catherine Carle received a bye while representing Canada in Croatia. All three will compete at Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton Nov. 28-Dec. 2.

back to the more difficult Lutz.

"I'll keep practising leading up to challenge and re-evaluate whether

it's worth putting it back in," the 17-year-old said.

There is also room to grow in her free program, where she had

high marks for program components, but was hurt by a fall on her first combination.

"I just have to get the consistency back in my elements and make sure I'm prepared for Challenge," she said.

Hélène wasn't the only Carle on the podium at sectionals.

Younger sister Audrey Carle made a remarkable recovery after colliding with another skater in warmup prior to the pre-novice women's short program.

Still a little shaken, she was 10th after the short program.

But the 12-year-old rebounded the next day with strong combination jumps to earn the highest score in the free skate, 64.59, to rocket up the standings and claim the silver medal.

Catherine Carle was given a bye through sectionals after representing Canada at the Golden Bear in Zagreb, Croatia the last week of October.

After winning a gold medal in the Bavarian Open in Germany last year, the 15-year-old said there were heightened expectations this year.

She said it was difficult circumstances with travel, adjusting to the six-hour time change and having a total of just 40 minutes of practice in the four days she was there, but chalked it as valuable experience for competing internationally.

But she was still happy with her eighth-place finish against a strong field.

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