

It was work, work and more work, (and little time for a breather) as Georgetown Chrysler Raiders brass checked out possible prospects at a three-night rookie tryout camp which got underway Tuesday night at photo by Simon Wilson/HHTW

Raiders test hockey hopefuls

by Colin Gibson

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders are wasting no time in trying to make amends for what turned out to be a dismal 1992/93 season in the West Division of the Central Ontario Junior 'A' Hockey League.

Raiders finished seventh out of eight teams in the West Division, just qualifying for the playoffs, then were shunted aside by Burlington Cougars in three straight games in the opening round best-of-five series.

Tuesday night at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, upwards of 80 Raiders hopefuls answered written invitations in the best possible way, by donning the blades in the opening session of a three-night rookie tryout camp.

Action continued Thursday night and evaluations will wind up this Tuesday, with a final three-hour session scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m., again at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Raiders coach Gary Ford was on hand last Tuesday hoping to find a potential diamond hiding in the hockey dust flying around the

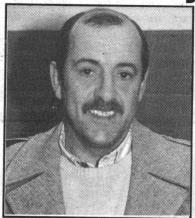
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Gary Ford

frozen pond and while admitting it was far too early to make conclusive judgments on the rookies, did say he saw some who showed particular promise.

"We're looking for tough players," said Ford. "Tough mentally and physically, who will answer the bell when they are called. I liked what I saw from at least half-adozen players, but you have to realize, they're under some pressure, are playing with strangers and you really can't tell how they'll react under game conditions. But then,

that's why we have tryout camps."

Although the majority of those auditioning for Raiders brass were from the Georgetown-Greater Metro Toronto area, a number of players showed up from Walkerton,

Markdale and Fergus.

Stalwart Raider netminder Jason Sirota is taking his talents south of the border, after accepting a hockey scholarship at Fredonia State University in upstate New York, but there seems to be more than enough bodies available to face the hard rubber disc for the Georgetown squad as 20 potential goaltenders turned up at Gordon Alcott Tuesday night.

This large number saw the usual camp routine of skating, shooting and scrimmaging broken up Thursday night, as the first full hour was devoted strictly to goal-tending assessment.

One hundred-and-eighty invitations to the Raiders rookie camp were mailed out and Ford is hopeful he will be able, by separating the wheat from the chaff, to invite 20-25 players to the main Raider camp scheduled for later this summer.



The first session of the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders rookie tryout camp at Gordon Alcott Arena on Tuesday attracted roughly 80 junior hockey hopefuls, in a rough and tough, skating, shooting and scrimmage session.

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Acton Figure Skating Club has banner year

By Colin Gibson

It has been a banner year for members of the Acton Figure Skating Club, highlighted by the accomplishments of 10-year-old Cara McGilloway.

Cara capped her stellar skating season at the Ontario Interclub Championships held in Tillsonburg March 20, where her 9th in Figures and 3rd in Freeskate gave her an overall standing of 6th out of 12 skaters, in the province.

Her season began in December when she placed first in the Preliminary Ladies Freeskate at the Acton club's own Club Competition.

This win advanced her to the Interclub Championships held in Milton and Erin Mills in February. In Milton Cara finished first in her flight and in Erin Mills, she finished first overall. This qualified her to advance to the Central Ontario Section Interclub Championships (C.O.S.I.C.) in Scarborough early in March.

In the Scarborough competition, Cara placed second overall, with the top three finishers advancing to the All-Ontarios in Tillsonburg.

All those associated with the Acton Figure Skating Club are proud of Cara's accomplishments.

By the same token, Cara's figure skating feats not only reflect well on the club as a whole, but also added extra incentive to younger - and older - up and coming skaters, to emulate and even surpass her accomplishments.

Acton Figure Skating Club members responded well to Cara's challenge of excellence and answered in kind.

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Coach Cindy Currie took 19 skaters to the competition and the team came home with 32 medals - 12 gold, 10 silver and 10 bronze. The Acton club finished 2nd overall, competing against 97 other clubs.

Freeskate results: Canskate Ladies: Kaylyn McGilloway 5th, Gillian Brunelle 2nd.

Canfigure 'A': Tessa Timbers 6th, Jessica Metelka 2nd, Edyn Marshall 3rd, Tiffany Pursoo 4th, Julia Metelka 2nd.

CanFigure Skate 'A' Mens; Joey Brunelle 3rd.

CanFigure Skate 'B' Ladies: Casey Miller 3rd.

CanFigure Skate 'B' Mens: Daniel Pursoo 1st, Sam Brunelle 2nd.

CanFigure Skate 'C' Ladies: Kari-Ann Hicks 1st. Preliminary 'B' Ladies: Sarah Pre-Juvenile Open Ladies: Cara McGilloway 1st, Flt A, Candice

Cara McGilloway

Venema 5th, Jenny May 3rd.

Timbers 1st, Flt. B.
Pre-Juvenile 'B' Ladies:

Bronwyn Marshall 1st.
Juvenile 'B' Ladies: Cora

Juvenile 'B' Ladies: Cor Routledge 4th.

Novice Competitive Program: Short Program - Stasha Vancek 2nd. Long Program - Stasha Vancek 3rd. Short and Long Program Combined - Stasha Vancek 2nd overall.

Freeskate Elements Results: Pre-Preliminary Ladies: Tessa Timbers 3rd, Flt A, Jessica Metelka 5th, Flt. B. Edyn Marshall 6th, Flt. C, Casey Miller 3rd Flt. D, Julia Metelka 6th Flt. I, Tiffany Pursoo 5th Flt. J. Kari-Ann Hicks 5th Flt. R.

Pre-Preliminary Mens: Sam Brunelle 1st, Flt. B. Daniel Pursoo 2nd, Flt. A.

Preliminary Ladies: Sarah Venema 4th, Flt. C. Jenny May 4th Flt. N.

Juvenile Ladies: Cara McGilloway 2nd, Flt. A. Candice Timbers 3rd, Flt. B. Bronwyn Marshall 1st Flt. F.

Intermediate Ladies: Cora Routledge 4th.

Novice Competitive Ladies Elements: Stasha Vancek 2nd.

Ladies Similar Pairs: Pre-Preliminary: Tessa Timbers and Edyn Marshall 2nd.

Preliminary: Casey Miller and Sarah Venema 2nd. Juvenile: Cara McGilloway and

Candice Timbers 1st. Bronwyn Marshall and Jenny May 1st.

Novice: Bronwyn Marshall and Cora Routledge 1st.

Artistic Events: Pre-Bronze Artistic: Cara McGilloway 1st, Flt. A. Sarah Venema 3rd, Flt. A. Candice Timbers 3rd, Flt. B.

Bronze Artistic: Jenny May 1st, Flt. A. Bronwyn Marshall 6th, Flt.

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