

Acton skaters earn Golds

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Two members of the Acton Figure Skating Club have earned Canadian Figure Skating Association Gold Medals in Dance.

Kara Leatherland earned her Gold Medal during the summer skating session and 15-year-old Alison Coe earned hers during the fall skate in Milton. Both are long-time members of the Acton Club.

Club President Winnie Vancek said just three Acton skaters have earned their Golds in the past year. "It's a significant milestone in their careers. Only one of our pros is a triple Gold medalist and Kara and Alison worked long and hard."

When their coaches think they are ready, skaters can be tested by CFSA judges in one of the three Gold categories, including dance, figures and freestyle. For the dance Gold, skaters must perform four prescribed dances including the Argentine Tango, the Westminster Waltz, Quickstep and Viennese Waltz.

For 19-year-old Kara the Quickstep proved the hardest. "I started the Gold testing about a year and a half ago. I've been skating with the Acton Club forever but I put skating on hold for now while I attend the University of Guelph. I would like to coach this winter

though," Kara said as she accepted a bouquet of flowers at Acton arena on Thursday.

Alison Coe, a Grade 12 student at Milton's Bishop Reding Secondary School, said the Westminster Waltz was her toughest. "It took a long time and it feels really good to have the Gold. The freestyle Gold is next," Coe said Thursday.

Vancek, clearly proud of both skaters, also noted that one other skater is one dance away from her Gold and it will be a real accomplishment for the Club to have three top-notch skaters earn their Golds in just one year's time.



GOLD MEDAL SKATERS: Acton Figure Skaters Kara Leatherland (top) and Alison Coe were honoured recently for earning Canadian Figure Skating Association Gold Medals in dance. Kara, who has put skating on hold while she attends the University of Guelph, hopes to get a coaching job this winter. Alison, who has been skating "forever" plans to try for her freestyle Gold next. (Frances Niblock photo)

Elora defeats IGA Peewees

The Acton Pee wee II IGA Hub League hockey squad looked like they didn't have any legs in Wednesday's 2-0 loss in Elora. Elora's goals came early in the first period, one of them on a powerplay. IGA players Rob McDougall and Nick Vancek looked good on defense in a losing effort.

Fire Fighter Bantams out-shoot Waterloo 4-1 in opener

Acton Fire Fighters Bantam I team managed to shut down Waterloo in the Acton Hub League home-opener last Wednesday. With excellent defence and superb netminding by Acton's Scott Glass, the Fire Fighters defeated the visitors 4-1.

Acton's Jason Pembleton scored two goals and Tim Bonus and Ryan Sead each found the net once. Assists went to Josh Marcoux, Steve Forbes, Geoff Heinz and Marty McKinnon.

The entire defence played really well and stopped Waterloo everytime they threatened the home net.

Proplastex are undefeated in Hub play

Acton Proplastex is 6 and 0 in Atom II Hub League play following a convincing 9-2 win over a frustrated Elora squad at Acton arena on Saturday.

Proplastex's Marcel Dube and Daryn McIntyre each found the net twice and single markers were scored by Brydon Perry, Scott Featherstone, Rueben Rivers, Derrick Inscoe and Joe Field, who also had three assists. Marc Forbes had two helpers and singles went to Inscoe, Perry, McIntyre, Rivers, Dube, David Metcalfe and Matt Schrock.

Assistant coach Paul Metcalfe said the team is playing great hockey. "They are so coachable that they improve every shift. They are so unselfish they almost pass too much. They always head-man the puck and their passing is clicking amazingly well."



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