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Will compete Nov. 19-22

Georgetown skaters off to sectionals

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After a pair of second-place finishes, two local skaters are headed for the Central Ontario sectionals.

Brian Worfolk and Emily Bradley will be competing in the juvenile dance at the sectionals, which will be held Nov. 19-22 at Mississauga's Iceland Arena. They placed second at Oktoberfest in Pickering recently equalling their second place effort at Summer Skate in Thornhill.

Both regarded their performance at Oktoberfest as their best yet.

Tara Hibbs of the Georgetown Club has also qualified for Sectionals in the juvenile ladies division.

"We had been working really hard (leading) up to the competition," Bradley said. "We were having trouble with our presentation but it all came together."

Emily, 10, has been skating for seven years and Brian, 13, has been skating for five years but

the two didn't team up until earlier this year. Both say the pairing has worked well because of their friendship.

"We get along and we both like to work hard," Worfolk said.

That hard work includes skating five times a week, usually for an hour and a half to two hours.

While the Georgetown Figure Skating Club members

have their sights set on taking one step on the podium at sectionals, they know it will be a challenge.

"It's a hard group this year but we're excited about it," Bradley said.

"We probably need a little more power and speed (to finish first)," Worfolk said.

As for future plans, the duo would like to

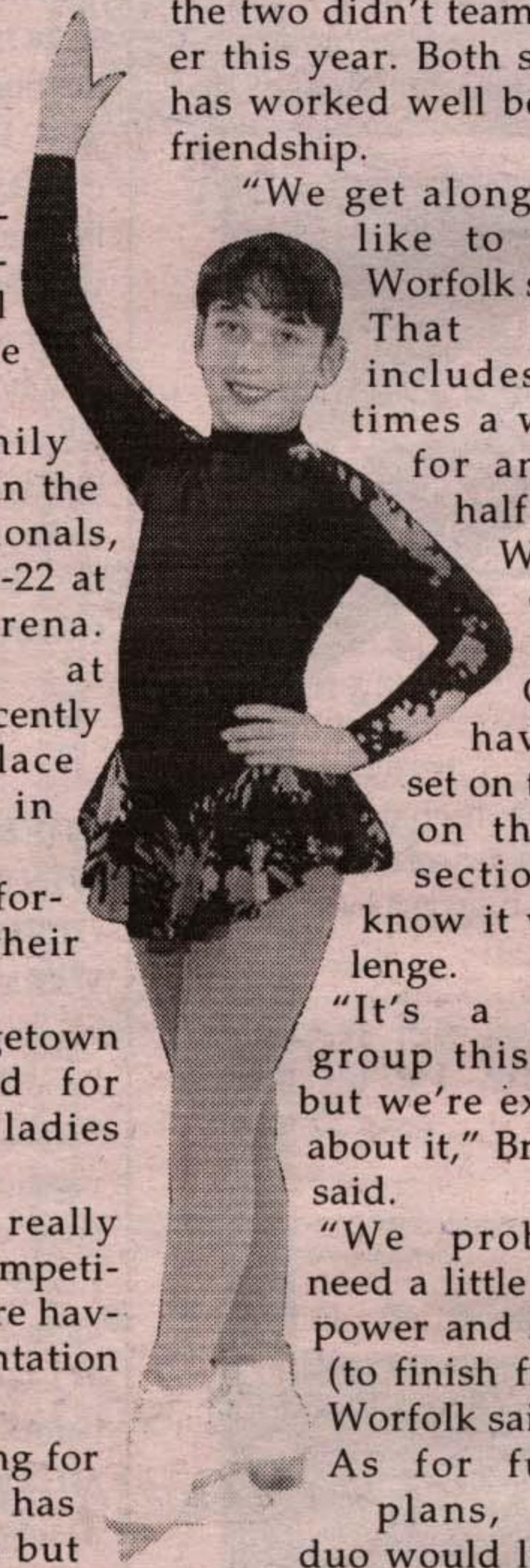
make it to the national championships.

"We want to go to divisionals and on to Canadians," Bradley said. "It's a pretty large goal to have but we'll work up to it."

Hibbs and 11 other finalists will compete for top honors at sectionals.

Beginning with a field of 75 skaters, Hibbs finished second in the juvenile quarter finals. The 12-year-old then qualified with a fourth-place finish in the semifinals. The 12 finalists will compete next Friday.

Hibbs, who is coached by Mazin Thomas, recently completed all of her gold dances.



Georgetown Figure Skating Club members Emily Bradley and Brian Worfolk (right) will compete in the Central Ontario Sectionals competition this week. Bradley and Worfolk will take part in the juvenile dance competition while Tara Hibbs (inset) will also compete in the juvenile ladies division.

Photo by Herb Garbutt



Athletes of the Week



FRASER HEWITT



PAUL SCHILLER



NICOLE GRAVES



GLENN WOOD

Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Paul Schiller and Fraser Hewitt.

Schiller, a middle on the junior Redmen volleyball team, was selected for his efforts which led the team to a win against Lester B. Pearson last week.

Hewitt, a middle on the senior Redmen volleyball team, was chosen for his effective hitting in a match against Nelson last week.

The Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Glenn Wood and Nicole Graves.

Wood, a member of the

Rebels senior cross country team, was chosen for his sixth place finish in the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference and Halton championship meets.

Graves, a guard on the Rebels senior basketball team was chosen for her contribution to the team.

Spears ends golf season on high note

Brad Spears capped the fall golf season by taking first place at the Wright State Invitational.

Spears, playing for the University of Detroit Mercy Titans, carded a two-round total of 143 to share top spot with Joe Osmon of the host school. The two didn't get to settle things because the playoff was called due to darkness. The victory was the first of Spears' National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) career.

Spears opened the tournament with a round of 70 that impressed Titans coach Mark Engel.

"He hit all 18 greens (in regulation)," Engel said. "I don't even remember seeing a pro do that before. Unfortunately, the putter didn't help him as much as it could have."

Engel said the circumstances around the victory made it even more

remarkable.

"He had four mid-terms that week but he was able to turn that off for four hours, play his round and then go study afterward."

Spears, who had three consecutive top-10 finishes this season, has also been a big part in the Titans' improvement. The team's third-place finish at Wright State was its best tournament of the fall season. It finished only three shots behind the host team, which took first.

Engel said despite Spears' individual success, the sophomore golfer has not ignored the team. The Titan coach said that was apparent after Spears saw now teammate Luke LaFave play prior to joining the team.

"He came up to me and said, 'Coach, you have to get this guy,' even though this was a guy who could have taken his spot on the team."



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