

IRISH LASS DANCES WAY TO NORTH AMERICAN SUPREMACY

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Fancy footwork and a work ethic second to none. If the competitive Irish dance world didn't already know that Catherine Hoare possesses both, it certainly does now.

Falling in love with Irish dance at the tender age of four — after watching some of her older sister's classes — the now 16-year-old Miltonian authored her latest success story out west.

Having knocked on the door to North American Irish Dance Championship supremacy in recent years, Hoare topped her 148-entry age class earlier this month in Vancouver — adding to an already impressive resumé.

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ternational competitions and world championships. "It was amazing to win in Canada as well because the North Americans are normally held in the U.S."

Constantly praised by teachers and peers alike for her inspiring work-ethic and determination, Hoare overcame some ligament damage in the spring to get herself in peak form

for Vancouver.

Highlighting her west-coast showcase with a perfect scoring in the soft-shoe round, the local teen enjoyed a decisive overall victory — winning by more than 150 points.

A tireless advocate of the "practice makes perfect" philosophy, Hoare practises five to seven days a week — for three to four hours a day.

And in recent years she's been part of many mini performances held around Halton and Peel by Goggin-Carroll to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, which her family annually kicks off with a traditional Irish breakfast of rashers (bacon, style cured pork), eggs and baked beans.

Hoare admits her success hasn't come without sacrifices, but that those have all been worth it to keep climbing the competitive Irish dance pecking order.

"Those few minutes on stage (after winning North American titles) were a



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Catherine Hoare is all smiles as she holds her North American Irish Dance Championship plaque.

validation of my dedication to my sport and worth everything I had to give up to be in the studio practising.

"And I'm very thankful to my teachers for believing in me and helping make my dreams come true."

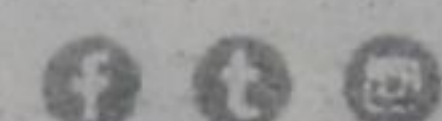


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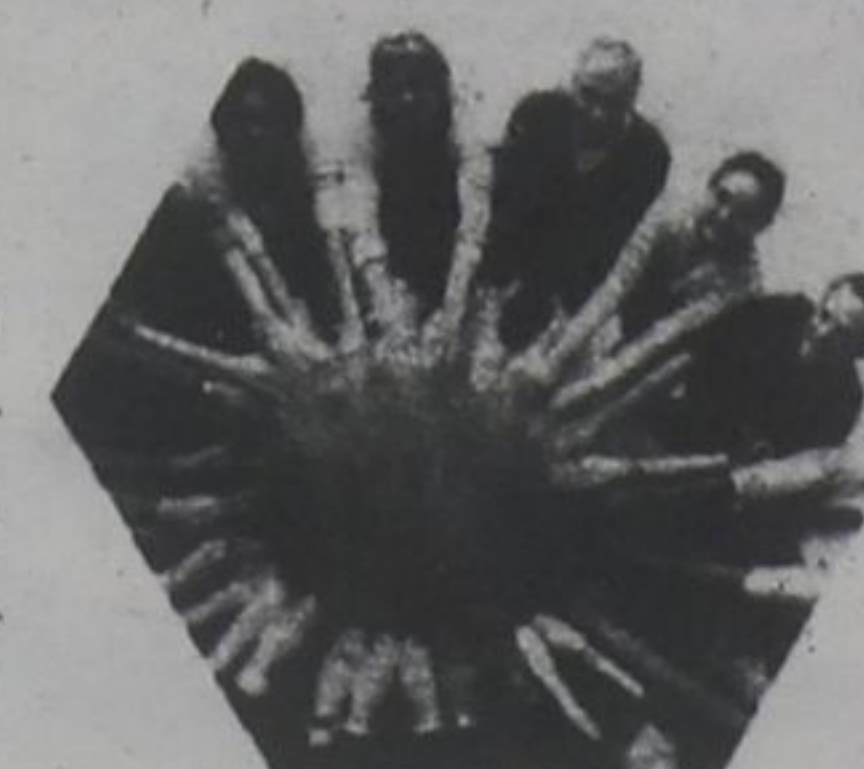
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