

Dunley happy with her latest performance

38. Dunley's 136.62-point performance was good enough for third place at the Skate Canada Challenge, and handily stamped her ticket to next month's nationals in Kingston.

"I wouldn't say I was surprised ex-

actly, but given how much I've had to scale back on training I'd say I'm happy with bronze," said Dunley, who's now gearing up for her seventh trip to the Canadian championships. "This season's been more about training smart than training

hard."

Specifically, that's meant cutting back on practice jumping — something that didn't seem to hinder her in Quebec.

Nailing her triple Lutz — along with the double Axel-triple toe and triple loop — Dunley scored a senior level personal-best 86.95-point free program that clinched her spot on the podium.

Her short program earned a 49.67.

Despite ongoing back pain trouble, Dunley is still hoping for a top-five finish at nationals, where she'll be joined by two club-mates.

Providing a huge second round jumps in recent years, novice skater Helene Carle went from 34th in the short program up to 10th when it was all said and done — finishing with an all-around score of 92.62.

Rachel LaFleche was 23rd after the junior short program and propelled herself up seven spots to 16th — scoring 108.65 overall — to grab one of the last qualifying spots.

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Recognizing their success

Members of the Campbellville Merchants intermediate baseball team were officially inducted into the Baseball Ontario Hall of Fame recently in Windsor. Here team members (front row, from left) Scott Early (bat boy) and Bill Denis, (back row, from left) Larry McPhail, Peter Andrews, Ken Moore, Don Joyce, June Andrews (widow of manager Len Andrews), Elmer Dredge and Harry Hamilton pose for a commemorative photo. *Supplied photo*

All-around gold for Springers trio

A Milton Springers trio struck all-around gold at the second provincial qualifier in Oakville.

Recently earning her second international assignment — this time to next month's Lady Luck Invitational in Las Vegas — Keiara Jones-Tyrell was the overall Level 8 14-and-over champion.

Matching her all-around victory at the initial qualifier in Pickering, Keiara's latest triumph was thanks largely to individual event wins on vault and floor.

Also a two-time qualifying champion now, Level 8 11-and-12-year-old gymnast Lexi Palka prevailed on the strength of her vault and floor

routines — which were both good enough for gold.

With a near clean sweep — winning bars, beam and floor and taking second on vault — Daniella Silverstre handily captured overall gold in the 10-year-old Level 6 ranks. Other all-around medalists included:

Jillian Sternloff (2nd in 12/13 Level 8)

Mikalea Mendoza (2nd in 10/11 Level 7)

Diana Dela Pena (3rd in 10/11 Level 7)

The Springers will host the final provincial qualifying meet February 6 to 8.

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