

Schmidt skis to 13th in France

Angela Schmidt of Midland skied to a 13th-place finish in last Friday's 5-km. World Cup Cross-Country race in La Bresse, France.

Schmidt's time of 15 minutes, 47 seconds was the best North American time recorded in the race. The 13th-place finish earned her eight World Cup points, putting her in 21st position overall after two events.



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The previous weekend, Schmidt finished 24th in a 10 km. competition in East Germany.

Winner of Friday's event was Kveta Jeriova of Czechoslovakia, who covered the tough course in 15:08.

Schmidt placed well ahead of Canadian teammates Sharon Firth (23rd) and Shirley Firth (31st).

In an exhibition relay event the next day, Schmidt posted the fastest North American 5 km. this year in her leg of the three-leg race. Her individual time was 15:39—21seconds behind the fastest individual time.

Schmidt raced the final leg of the relay and passed a skier from the Soviet Union in the closing stages of the race to help her Canadian team to a 6th-place finish.

Next stop for Schmidt will be the Canadian Championships in Edmonton, scheduled for Jan. 28 through Feb. 2.

From that event, the top five women will advance to the World Championships in Oslo, Norway, Feb. 18 - 28.

Two of the World Championship races serve as World Cup point races as well.

Top three women from the Canadian entries at the World Championships will continue on to the final five events in the World Cup series.

Whipper driving for \$1M this year

The local edition of the 1982 Whipper Watson Snowarama for Timmy is all set for next Saturday Jan. 30.

The local event is one of 25 which will take place around Ontario in an effort to raise more than \$1-million for the Easter Seal Society. This area's event is being co-ordinated by the Kiwanis Club of Midland.

Local snowmobilers are urged to get in touch with Kiwanis Club members for pledge sheets as soon as possible. Kiwanis

spokesmen say they're expecting a good turnout for the event, which will begin at 8 a.m.

Snowmobilers will make a 100 km. trek through a groomed and marked course beginning at the Maple Valley Club in Lafontaine. Pledges are made for each kilometre the driver puts in.

Last year, the Easter Seal Society (formerly the Ontario Society for Crippled Children) received more than \$900,000 from the Watson event.



Stone study

Midland native Glen Howard surveys the situation during Sunday's Pepsi-Cola Junior Interdivisional Playdowns at the

Midland Curling Club. Howard skipped the Niagara Falls rink to a second-place finish in the four-rink playoff, good enough for a

chance at the Ontario Championships in Kitchener at the end of the month. Winner of Sunday's event was Elmvale.

Elmvale rink takes Interdivisional Howard steps up

Midland native Glen Howard and his Niagara Falls rink will advance to the Ontario Pepsi-Cola Ontario Junior Mens' Curling Championships after a second-place showing in Sunday's interdivisional playdowns at Midland Curling Club.

Winner of the event was the Elmvale foursome of skip Tim Belcourt, vice Arnold McCauley, second Brian Belcourt and lead Marty Ritchie.

Top two rinks from the four district champions represented earned spots in the Ontario Championships.

Dixie and Brantford were the other two rinks in the double-knockout event.

Others in Howard's rink are vice Greg Reed, second Bruce Gall and lead Peter Osborne.

Howard and Belcourt will join six other squads in a round-robin competition for the Ontario title Jan. 28-31 at the Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club.

Winner of that competition will advance to the Canadian Championships, scheduled for February in Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

The 19-year-old

Howard is the son of Midland Curling Club manager Bill Howard and younger brother of former Ontario mens' champion Russ Howard.

After enrolling in

university in Waterloo last year, Howard accepted an invitation to skip the Niagara Falls group for his final year of junior competition.

In the past two years, he has led Midland rinks

to third-place finishes at the Ontario championships.

In Sunday's event, Howard lost his opening game to Dixie on a measure in a tiebreaking end after a

6-6 draw in regulation play.

The next time the two squads met, Niagara Falls came up with an easy victory to earn the second Ontario Championship qualifying spot.

Morton rink wins first two tries

Lynne Morton of the Midland Curling Club led her rink to a quick start with two opening-day victories in this week's Southern Ontario Ladies' Curling Championships in St. Catharines.

Morton's rink — comprised of vice Viv Shaw, second Marg Bourgeois and lead Diane Vollick — defeated Huntsville and Toronto Royals in opening-day play Monday.

The Midland squad played two more games yesterday, but results were unavailable at press time.

The championships continue through Thursday.

Morton's rink won the local Canadian Curling Association district championship and, with Huntsville, qualified for the Southern Ontario Championships after interdivisional championship play.

Eight rinks are competing in a seven-game round-robin in the St. Catharines event.



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