

Thunder Bay Figure Skating competition

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Teams representing Schreiber and Terrace Bay did exceptionally well at the Thunder Bay Open Figure Skating Competition. The event was held in Thunder Bay on March 11, 12, and 13. Because of the unusually large number of competitors, the length of the competition was extended by a day. In previous years the competition was completed in two days.

Schreiber was well represented by 25 skaters from the Schreiber Figure Skating Club. The skaters, coached by Mrs. Elizabeth Singleton, were very successful in the meet.

Tammy McParland was awarded a gold medal for her flight in the Juvenile Ladies Solo Category. Tammy placed 5th in the final.

A bronze medal was awarded to Nicole Gauthier for her flight in the pre-juvenile Ladies category. Nicole was given 6th place in the final. Lynette Gauthier and Ryan Singleton earned a silver medal in the Final Novice Mixed Paris competition.

Other skaters placing well in their flights were Sandra Cooper and Petrina Taylor, both of whom placed 5th and Tara Halonen who placed 6th.

The Junior Precision Team (looking great in their burgundy body suits with white trim), earned a bronze medal at the meet. The team members were Andrea Stortini, Candace McCellan, Tammy McParland, Tonya Zborowski, Cindy Luke, Ginselle Soulliere, Petrina Taylor, Sandy Cooper, Nicole Gauthier, Darla Dooley, Stacey Shack and Leigh-Ann Campbell.

Special mention was made of the Club's Novice Precision Team, consisting of 12 members aged 7-10 years, who travelled to Thunder Bay to compete in the Open. The team found that there were no other teams competing in their category.

The high spirited group took this minor inconvenience in their stride and went ahead and competed with the older junior teams, performing very ably. Skaters on this team were

Patti Quinton, Kellina Cooper, Ryan Singleton, Lynette Gauthier, Stacey Shack, Bonnie Rowan, Christine Labbe, Deanna Cosgrove, and Barbara Rowan.

The Terrace Bay Figure Skating Club won the Patterson Trophy for the second consecutive year at the Competition. The second place finishers were the Marathon Figure Skating Club, also for the second consecutive year. Both teams are coached by Paul Wirtz. The Kenora Figure Skating Club placed third. The Super Superiors precision

skating team won the Gold Medal, followed by the Fort William Follies with the Silver Medal in the Novice event. The Fort William Figurines won the Gold Medal in the Junior event. The three teams will be travelling to London to compete in the first Canadian Precision Skating Championships on April 3.

The Super Superiors Junior Team will also be travelling to London. The teams will be competing in the Canadian International Invitational Precision Skating Championships on April 1 and 2. All 21 team

members will be travelling by bus, along with their Team Manager, Mrs. Joan Clark and chaperones as well as many parents. Fund raising events to support the skaters are now underway.

Medal winners from the Terrace Bay club were: Pre-Novice Ladies 'A' - Carrie Pytyck - Silver; Tracy Clark - Bronze. Pre-Juvenile Ladies 'B' - Ashley Riley - Gold; Pre-Juvenile ladies 'B' - Mary Jo Files - Gold; Novice Ladies Single - Jennifer Kodila - Silver; Juvenile Compulsory - Karin Brassard - Gold; Tracy

Clark - Silver. Intermediate Compulsory - Heather Saranpaa - Bronze; Senior Ladies Interpretive "Caribbean" - Jennifer Kodila - Silver; - Tracy Clark - Bronze. Senior Ladies Interpretive "Punk Rock" - Carrie Pytyck - Gold - Heather Saranpaa - Silver. Pre-Juvenile Men's 'B' - Shane Jowitt - Silver; Jamie Boutette - Bronze. Juvenile Men's Singles - Mark Saranpaa - Gold; Novice Mixed Pairs - Shane Jowitt and Jackie Glad - Bronze. Jr. Mixed Dance - Mark Saranpaa and Jodi LeBlanc - Gold.



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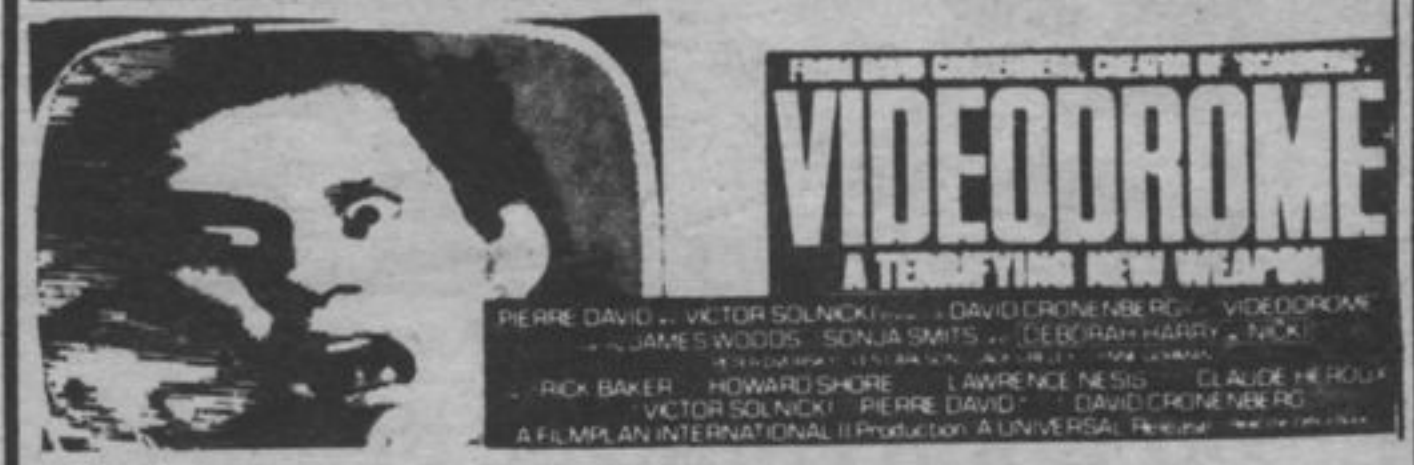
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