

Hockey team goes for 'triple crown'

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know and what they deal with every day.

Just to see what they go through to get ready for a game, the injections or removing a limb, it's really something."

A former trainer for the Israeli national men's hockey team, Mr. Rosen immediately embraced the attitude he was as capable as any able-bodied athlete.

He vowed to his dad he would one day compete on the world stage.

"I looked at every sport I

could think of, but found sledge hockey," Mr. Rosen said.

"Sure, I was shooting my mouth off, but it has come true. Just because you are disabled doesn't mean you're done."

Mr. Legace, on the other hand, balked when first asked to participate.

"Just to play a sport you love, to be able to take it to an elite level, there's no feeling like it," said Mr. Legace, who, along with Mr. Rosen, plays for the Markham Islanders in the Ontario Sledge Hockey League.

"The first time I was asked

to play, I declined.

"I just didn't want that stigma that goes with playing a disabled sport."

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A year-and-a-half later, he was asked again. He discovered he loved the game.

Canada's primary competition in the six-nation sledge hockey tournament is

expected to come from Norway, its first opponent tomorrow at the E Centre, and Sweden, countries that traditionally share the podium with Canada at international competitions.

But the host Americans, coached by former Boston Bruins' great Rick Middleton, are a possible candidate for a medal. Japan is also a rapidly improving power, while Estonia rounds out the field.

For Canada, the defending world champion, the mission is clear cut.

"We want the triple crown," Mr. Legace said



CYNTHIA

Cynthia stars on ice, in class

Cynthia Leung skated her way to a second-place showing in the Junior Silver Solo Dance at the recent Metro East Interclub Figure Skating championships.

The Markham resident will represent her home club, Sport Seneca, and the Metro East region at the Central Ontario Interclub championships this month.

Cynthia has been skating and studying in Sport Seneca's Claude Watson program for five years. Cynthia has a 90 per cent average.

Region's athletes head to Ontario Winter Games

The following athletes are qualified to compete in the Ontario Winter Games, which started Wednesday in Guelph and conclude Sunday. The athletes are listed by home community and the sport in which they participate.

Markham — Mike Anderson, curling; Simon Barbosa, gymnastics; Amanda Chung, gymnastics; Sarah Ladouceur, hockey; Robyn Law, hockey; Jackie Masonsong, curling; Kelly McKay, synchro; Fiona McKee, badminton; Sarah Miles, hockey; Sivrag Muralikrishnan, table tennis; Hollie Nicol, curling; Fred Reid, squash; Ashley Speed, gymnastics; Lindsay Stirrat, five-pin bowling; Emily Vear, synchro.

Whitchurch-Stouffville — Melissa Dermody, synchro; Kendra Jacobs synchro; Jason Lock, cross-country skiing.

Gormley — Jaimie Robins, hockey; Stephanie Spooner, ringette.

Aurora — Rachel Greenland-Smith, hockey; Kelly Manza, hockey; Carl Rom-Colthoff, gymnastics; Lisa Semechko, rhythmic gymnastics.

Bradford — Samantha Marston, fencing; Amanda Mashinter, hockey.

King City — Jeanette Campoli, hockey.

Maple — Katie Kropman, hockey.

Newmarket — Sarah Coney, cross-country skiing; Elizabeth Dier, speed skating; Katie Elliott,

fencing; Sean Harrison, curling; Allison Heppell, gymnastics; Lurissa Kelland, squash; Anthony Lamanna, gymnastics; Crystal Lee, gymnastics; William Mackis, boxing; Adelaide McDonnell, fencing; Taylor Milley, fencing; Jordan Patterson, fencing; Gabie Popescu, rhythmic gymnastics; Chris Sanford, curling; Olivia Sickle, rhythmic gymnastics.

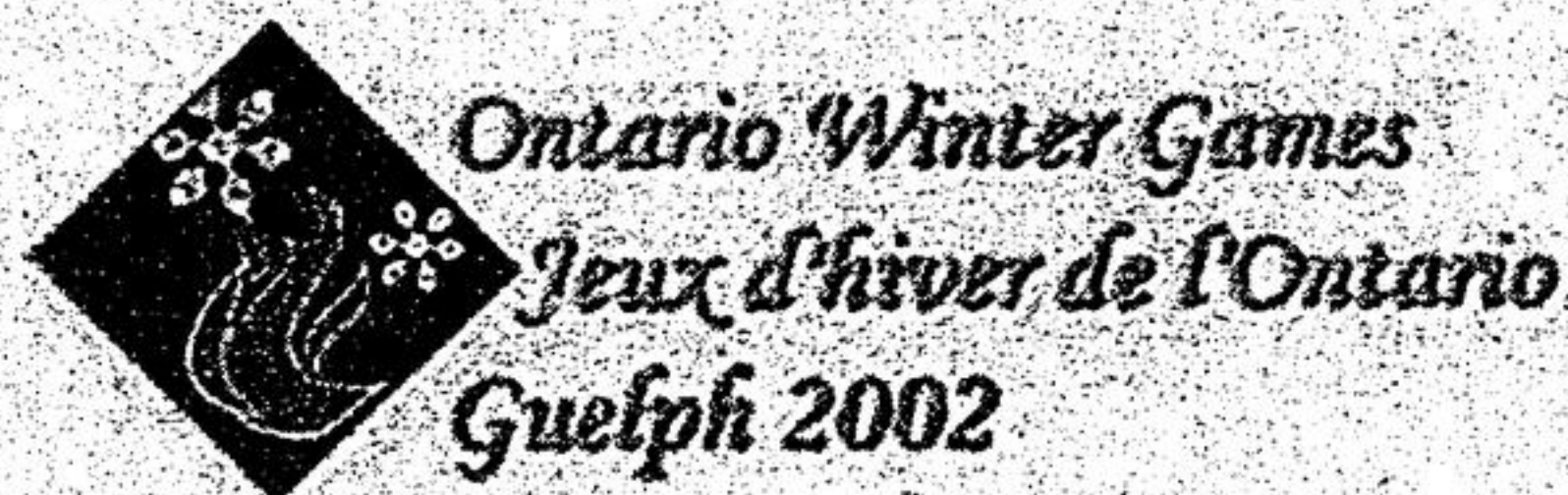
Richmond Hill — Christianne Celotti, synchro; Melissa Cox, 5-pin bowling; Karla Leong, figure

skating; Graham McCord, air shooting; Sarah Nestor, freestyle skiing; Kaitlin Trillwood, fencing; Erica Warsh, figure skating; Arman Zareyan, judo; Thomas Gagnon, gymnastics.

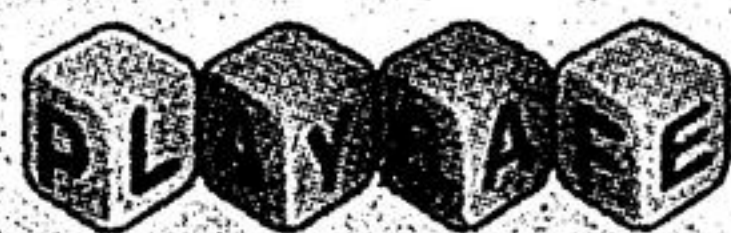
Sharon — Laura Hosier, hockey.

Thornhill — Michael Horner, curling; Victoria Parkman, 5-pin bowling; Olga Ovtchinnikova, fencing.

Woodbridge — Rebecca Tomasone, 5-pin bowling.



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