

Tied for first place in a field of 40

by Judy Backus

Marmora - Jessie-Lynn Shannon and Stephanie Partridge, two avid 10-year-old skaters from Marmora, are glad they've had the opportunity to skate at the Madoc and District Figure Skating Club in the years since the Marmora facility was condemned. These talented girls with

very different styles (Jessie is very graceful while Stephanie demonstrates a more athletic approach) recently competed in the Oshawa Invitational held in January. They tied for first place in a field of 40 girls from locations as diverse as Whitby, Port Hope, Toronto, Napanee, Belleville and Madoc. Both

girls have as their coach, Nancy Cunneyworth, who has according to Stephanie's mother, Cathy, "been able to take their personalities, their style and work with it."

Jessie and Stephanie have as their

next goal, the successful completion of their junior bronze freeskate and second figure which will take place in March. After that, they hope to go on to the sectionals and move up the competition ladder.



Long hours of practice and dedication paid off for these two Marmora skaters. Stephanie Partridge and Jessie-Lynn Shannon pose proudly with the first place trophies (they tied) won at the Oshawa Invitational held in January.

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Super skaters! - The Marmora Figure Skating Club has shone in many competitions and test programs already this year. The skaters gathered for a group shot last week at the Marmora arena. From the left, front: Ashley Broadbent, Christina Shannon, Tori Broadbent,

Andrea Bennett, and Jocelyn McCoy. Back row: Jennifer Bennett, Jovanka Skocic, Kelly Gray, Lisa Bonter, Angela Acorn, Krstina Skocic, Jessie-Lynn Shannon, Candice O'Connor, Stefanie Partridge and Mellisa Cowie.

Marmora skaters impress judges

The Marmora figure skating club is well into another successful year, with several of their skaters placing in the top ranks in local competitions.

Here are some of the results of recent competitions and mandatory tests:

Napanee (early October) - Test Day, Intermediate European Dance - Jovanka and Krstina Skocic.

Amherstview Oct. 19 - Limber-Up Competition: Preliminary Free Skate, Christina Shannon, 4th, Tori Broadbent, 5th; Juvenile Free Skate, Jessie-Lynn Shannon, 2nd, Stefanie Partridge, 5th.

Cobourg (October) - Preliminary Competition: Ashley Broadbent, 6th in elements; Christina Shannon, 2nd in freeskate finals; Tori Broadbent, 4th in freeskate finals; Angie Acorn, 6th in freeskate, 2nd in elements; Jessie Lynn Shannon, 1st elements; Stefanie Partridge, 1st freeskate in flight, 1st elements and 5th final.

Madoc, Nov. 7 - Evaluation Day: Ashley Broadbent - Dutch, Canasta and Baby Blues dances; Tori Broadbent - Preliminary Figures; Kelly Gray - Fiesta dance; Mellisa

Cowie - Baby Blues dance; Jovanka Skocic, 1st figure; Angie Acorn - 2nd figure; and Candice O'Connor - Fiesta dance.

Frankford, Nov. 10 - Competition.

Jocelyn McCoy, 6th flight in freeskate, 5th flight in beginners elements.

Ashley Broadbent - 1st flight in Beginners freeskate, 5th final and 4th in elements.

Tori Broadbent - , 1st flight freeskate, 4th final freeskate, 1st flight elements, 3rd final freeskate.

Jennifer Bennett - 2nd in flight preliminaries, 2nd in final preliminaries, 2nd in flight elements, 3rd in final elements.

Angie Acorn - 1st in: flight preliminary freeskate, final prelim. freeskate, preliminary flight, preliminary finals.

Jovanka Skocic - 1st in flight elements, 1st in final elements for Junior Bronze Medal.

Ottawa, Nov 14-18 - Sectional Competition, 116 skaters competing.

Jessie-Lynn Shannon - 1st flight freeskate, ~~3rd~~ ^{4th} in final freeskate

Stefanie Partridge - 3rd flight freeskate, ~~4th~~ final.



Dressed in their finest costumes, these Marmora girls are all set to leap, spin and twirl amid flashing blades at the Marmora Arena. In the back row from the left are: Jennifer Bennett, Jovanka Skocic, Kelly Gray, Lisa Bonter, Angela Acorn, Krstina Skocic, Jessie-Lynn Shannon, Candice O'Connor, Stefanie Partridge and Melissa Cowie. In front are: Ashley Broadbent, Christina Shannon, Tori Broadbent, Andrea Bennett and Jaclyn McCoy.

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Figure skaters do well in competition

Marmora - The Marmora Figure Skating Club is alive and very well as was proven recently in the results of area competitions.

In October, Jovanka and Krstina

Skocic travelled to Ottawa where they both passed their Senior Bronze European Dance.

The results of a competition held November 10 in Frankford:

Ashley Broadbent, beginner: first in her flight and fifth in the final free skate. Tori Broadbent: first in her flight and fourth in the free skate finals. Jennifer Bennett, preliminary: second in her flight and third in the element finals; second in her flight and second in the free skate finals. Angie Acorn, preliminary freeskate: first in her flight and first in the finals; Angie Acorn, preliminary finals: first in her flight and first in the finals. Jovanka Skocic, Junior Bronze Elements: first in her flight and first in the finals. Jovanka also placed third in the freeskate finals in her category.

Sectionals were held in Ottawa and on November 16, Jessie-Lynn Shannon placed first in her flight and fourth in the finals in a field of 116. At the same competition, Stefanie Partridge placed third in her flight. In the Amherstview Limber Up Competition, Tori Broadbent placed fifth in the preliminary free skate

and Christina Shannon was fourth. Stefanie Partridge and Jessie-Lynn Shannon placed fifth and second consecutively in the juvenile free skate.

In a Cobourg competition, preliminary skaters, Ashley Broadbent, Christina Shannon, Tori Broadbent and Angie Acorn placed as follows: Ashley, sixth in elements; Christina, third in her flight and second in the finals in the free skate category; Tori was second in her flight and fourth in the free skate finals; Angie placed sixth in free skate and second in elements. Jessie Lynn Shannon was first in elements while Stefanie Partridge placed first both in her freeskate and elements flights and was fifth in the finals.

Results of an evaluation day held November 7 in Madoc were as follows: Ashley Broadbent passed both the Dutch Canasta and Baby Blues dances. Tori Broadbent passed her preliminary figure. Kelly Gray and Candice O'Connor both passed their Fiesta Dance. Melissa Cowie passed her Baby Blues Dance, Jovanka Skocic was awarded her first figure and Angie Acorn her second figure.

Local skaters fare well in Nepean

Madoc - Four skaters from this area came out winners in the Eastern Ontario Sectionals held at the Nepean Sports Complex from November 14 - 17. Jesse Lynn Shannon came 1st in Flight and 4th in the finals in the Juvenile division, while Stephanie Partridge placed 3rd in Flight. Katie Johnson and Amy Hagerman competed in the Pre-Novice division.

The next section to be conquered by the skaters will be the divisional, which is made up of all of the Ontario sectionals.

Amy and Katie are under the tutelage of pro Janice Beer, while Jesse Lynn and Stephanie are under pro Nancy Cunneyworth.



These figure skaters were back at work on their figures after competing in the sectional competitions earlier in November. From left, Stephanie Partridge, Amy Hagerman, Katie Johnston and Jesse Lynn Shannon.

Skaters big medal winners

Marmora - In the short space of two months, skaters from the Marmora Figure Skating Club have chalked up a total of 23 medals won during several area competitions.

At the November 30 "Scugog Frolic", Christina Shannon brought home the gold, Ashley and Toria Broadbent both came away with silver medals and Melissa Cowie placed sixth in her section. On December 28, at the Napanee Invitational Competition, Jaclyn McCoy

placed fifth and Ashley Broadbent won a bronze medal. During the Preliminary Freeskate flight, Toria Broadbent won the gold medal, Andrea Bennett the silver and Kelly Gray placed sixth. In the Preliminary Freeskate final, Toria Broadbent won a silver medal and Andrea Bennett placed fourth. In the Junior Bronze Freeskate, Jennifer Bennett won a silver medal in elements and placed fifth in her solo. In the same category, Angie Acorn won a gold

medal in elements and placed fourth in her solo. Candice O'Connor placed sixth in the Junior Bronze Freeskate and Stefanie Partridge won gold and bronze medals for freeskate and silver for elements.

On January 18, at the Oshawa Invitational, Jennifer Bennett competed in the Junior Bronze category where she placed second in her flight, fourth in the finals and first in Figures. In the Senior Bronze category, Jessie-Lynn Shannon was



Proudly displaying their "hardware" are members of the Marmora Figure Skating Club. In the back row from the left are: Jennifer Bennett, Jessie-Lynn Shannon, Kelly Gray, Krstina Skocic, Angela Acorn and Jovanka Skocic. Middle Row: Candice O'Connor, Stefanie Partridge and Melissa Cowie. Front row: Christina Shannon, Toria Broadbent, Ashley Broadbent, Andrea Bennett and Jaclyn McCoy.

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Toria Broadbent and Jessie Lynn Shannon both placed first in their respective sections at an inter-club competition and went on to skate in the Eastern Ontario Sectional Invitational Championship where Toria placed fifth and Jessie Lynn third. Jessie Lynn went on to represent Marmora in the All Ontario Invitational Championships on March 21 in Pickering.

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third in Freeskate and first in Figures while Stefanie Partridge was first in the Freeskate.

Marmora skaters experienced more success at the Shining Waters Inter-Club Competition when the thirteen girls who participated brought home seven medals. Jaclyn McCoy won a gold medal in the Beginner 1 level and Ashley Broadbent did the same in Elementary 1. In Pre-preliminary 1, Toria Broadbent won the gold, Christina Shannon the silver and Andrea Bennett the bronze. Kelly Gray placed fifth in the Preliminary non EOSIC. In the Preliminary, Jennifer Bennett was second in her flight and fourth in the final and Jovanka Skocic was first in her flight and fifth in the final. Candice O'Connor placed fourth in the Junior Bronze non EOSIC. In the Pre-juvenile, Angela Acorn was second in her flight and sixth in the finals while Krstina Skocic was first in her flight and fifth in the finals. Stefanie Partridge was first in her flight and second in the final Juvenile division while

Jessie Lynn Shannon was second in her flight and first in the final. Gold medal winners, Jessie-Lynn Shannon and Toria Broadbent will represent Shining Waters Inter-club at the Eastern Ontario Section Competition in Lindsay on March 7 and 8.

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Fun on skates... Seven members of the Marmora Figure Skating Club recently competed at the Manvers Mini Blades competition held March 6. Those pictured and their placings are as follows: (back row) Sarah Finch, 3rd; Melissa Cowie, 5th; Nikki Finch, 1st; (front row) Ashley Broadbent, 2nd; Jaclyn McCoy, 2nd; Charlise Welch, 5th and Melissa McCoy, 4th.

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