

Rideau Skaters Advance to Trillium Championships in Waterloo



Jasmine Hedley, Emily Valentine, Emily Burda, Courtney Douglas
Breanne Stewart, Victoria Huddleson, Shaylynn Nault, Kailey Taplin,
Laura Mulvey
Andrew Wildey, Samantha Glavine, Leia Hopkins
Absent: Emily Shearer, Shea Timmins, Evan Welchner, Lauren
Welchner

Five Rideau Skaters will represent Eastern Ontario at the Trillium Championships (All-Ontario's) in March following a very successful weekend for the club at the Eastern Ontario Starskate Invitational Championships (E.O.S.I.C.).

Rideau's largest contingent in recent memory, of 16 skaters, saw five skaters winning medals in four different events at E.O.S.I.C., another four skaters making it to the finals in their events, and a further four skaters making it to their respective semi-finals. For the first time Rideau had skaters in all four major disciplines, women's and men's freeskate, dance and pairs.

Kailey Taplin with her partner from Kanata, Sam Johnstone, took second place in Introductory Pairs, and will advance to Trillium, where Kailey will represent Rideau.

Participating in Men's Pre-Preliminary Free were Evan Welchner and Andrew Wildey. Evan won silver in this event, earning a spot at Trillium, while Andrew advanced to the finals where he placed 6th. Evan is coached by Jan Calnan and Andrew by Katrina Millard.

In Pre-Preliminary Ladies Free, Rideau had six skaters: Samantha Glavine, and Shea Timmins coached by Katrina Millard; Leia Hopkins, Emily Shearer, and Lauren Welchner coached by Jan Calnan;

and Emily Valentine coached by Marie-Josée Cloutier. Lauren and Samantha advanced to the finals, placing 9th and 10th respectively, while Shea advanced to the semi-finals.

Victoria Huddleson, coached by Marie-Josée Cloutier was Rideau's sole representative in Preliminary Ladies Free. Lauren and Evan Welchner took a gold medal in Preliminary Dance and will represent Rideau at Trillium. Lauren and Evan are coached by Darryl VanLuven for their dance.

In Junior Bronze Ladies Free, there were six skaters as well: Jasmine Hedley and Kailey Taplin, both coached by Jan Calnan; Courtney Douglas, coached by Marie-Josée Cloutier; and Laura Mulvey, Shaylynn Nault, and Breanne Stewart, coached by Katrina Millard. Laura, Shaylynn and Breanne all made it through to the semi-finals. Samantha Glavine and Andrew Wildey, coached by Katrina Millard and Darryl VanLuven, won a silver in Junior Bronze Dance and will also represent Rideau at Trillium in March.

Emily Burda, coached by Andrew Bestwick and Jan Calnan, advanced to the finals in Senior Bronze Ladies Free, finishing 4th, and is an alternate for Trillium.