

Ten Skaters Advance to Sectionals



Teal Mackintosh, Emily Valentine, Breanne Stewart, Andrew Wildey, Emily Wildey, Evan Welchner, Lauren Welchner, Michelle Massart, Samantha Glavine, Kailey Taplin

The Rideau Skating Club had ten skaters representing them at this year's Eastern Ontario Sectionals Championship. Three of these skaters qualified to move on to Ontario Winter Games, to be held in Barrie in March, and one skater came away with a Sectional Title.

Andrew Wildey, 10, a student at Kars Public School came away with the Pre-Juvenile Mens Freeskate Title, while he and his partner Samantha Glavine, also 10, from Barrhaven, qualified for Ontario Winter Games in Juvenile Dance with their third place finish at Sectionals. Samantha also competed in Pre Juvenile Ladies Freeskate. Both skaters are coached by Katrina Millard VanLuven and Darryl VanLuven.

Kailey Taplin, 13, from Greely, also qualified for Ontario Winter Games with her partner Sam Johnstone of Kanata, by placing 3rd in Juvenile Pairs. Kailey and Sam are coached by Jan Calnan and Kaileigh Boyer of the Nepean Skating Club.

Lauren and Evan Welchner, 10 and 13 respectively, of Manotick, performed an exhibition in Pre-Juvenile Pairs and competed in Pre-Juvenile Dance. They are both coached by Calnan, and by VanLuven for dance.

Emily Valentine, 13, of Riverside South, competed in Pre-Juvenile Dance with her partner Malcolm Jones of the Gloucester Figure Skating Club. Emily and Malcolm are also coached by VanLuven.

Breanne Stewart, 12, of North Gower was very happy with a personal best skate in Juvenile Ladies Freeskate. Breanne is coached by Millard VanLuven.

Michelle Massart, 14 and Emily Wildey, 13, of Manotick, both had strong performances in the Pre-Novice Ladies Long Program, each obtaining personal bests in that event, allowing them to finish well in Pre-Novice Ladies over all. Michelle and Emily are also coached by Millard VanLuven.

Teal Mackintosh, 16, of Manotick, also coached by Calnan, represented Rideau at Novice Ladies and was pleased with her skate.

This was one of Rideau's largest contingents to Sectionals ever, and these skaters have made this small club very proud.

