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SCSC SKATERS ON WINNING STREAK!

Justin Hampole 2nd in BC, Shaelynne Macaulay 2nd in the Region



BC Summer Skate Competition finished off a busy summer for Spruce City Skating Club skaters. The first fall event was Autumn Leaves Competition, a Super Series (provincial grand prix) event in Kamloops. In just two months, many competitors made major strides. Emma Bajestani (Preliminary) was 2nd, Justin Hampole (Pre-Juvenile) was 2nd, Danielle Sidsworth (Pre-Novice) overall 24th and Olivia Wankling (Pre-Preliminary) placed 4th. Hampole even managed to double his points from the summer. Director of Skating and head coach Rory Allen was

happy to return to Prince George with two silver medalists and lots of experience.

There was no time to rest as the Williston Competition held in Prince George was next on the agenda. Competitors Mattias Cheung, Valyce Mamic, Audyn Mettauer, Alyssa Hutchison, Olivia Wankling and Shaelynne Macaulay did well in all categories. Seven year old Valyce travels from Quesnel twice weekly to get lessons at SCSC. "She is happy with her coach, which is why I don't mind the drive to Prince George," her mother stated. Allen was pleased to see Olivia Wankling rise to the occasion by moving up to the Preliminary level, a category to which she has not passed the test, but skated up to test the field. Wankling placed 3rd in a large field of skaters, many of whom were five years her senior. Pre-Novice competitor Shaelynne Macauley finished in 2nd place which was a good step forward as she prepared for the BC-YT Sectional Championship (provincials).

The club maximized their training time before Sectionals by organizing a seminar with Level 4 coach Bruno Delmaestro from Vancouver. A full day of off and on-ice training with a coach that trains skaters for international competitions gave athletes an opportunity to prepare for what is waiting for them on the top.

Spruce City Skating Club went on to send four skaters to represent city of Prince George at BC-YT Sectionals.

Three Pre-Novice competitors skated in a tough event of 64 skaters. Shaelynne Macaulay finished in 55th place, Danielle Sidsworth was 46th and Chelsea Raful finished in 35th place. Pre-Juvenile competitor Justin Hampole placed 2nd at his first ever CompetitiveSkate provincials. Hampole was the only competitor who trains in northern BC to win a medal.

"Bringing a silver medal from BC Sectionals to Prince George was a great success for Justin" said Coach Rory. Hard work from him has paid off for Justin and I am sure that he will bring more great results in the future.