

The Games Spirit

Athletes practise for Special 'O'

Melfort has a large contingent of athletes preparing for competition in the 1993 Saskatchewan Special Olympics Winter Games.

The Games, which are slated for February 12th to 14th in Melfort, are an opportunity for Special "O" athletes of all ages to take part in

sport, fitness and recreation programs.

Maureen Bessey is 13 and a member of the Melfort Figure Skating Club.

This is Maureen's third winter of skating and she loves it. The young athlete spends as much time at the

rink as possible and says she likes everything about figure skating.

Figure skating is a sport in which Maureen can excel as an individual.

She also likes to bowl and take part in track and field events for Special Olympics athletes.

Cindy Saranchuk works at PLUS Industries.

This is the first winter that Cindy has been on snowshoes and she greatly enjoys this sport. Her smile is broad as she makes tracks in the fresh snow.

She is looking forward to the Games, her first real competition in snowshoeing.

Cindy also enjoys bowling. **Joanne Magnus**, who also works at PLUS Industries, has competed in snowshoeing at the Special "O"

Games before.

Over several seasons, Joanne has enjoyed taking part in the provincial Games. This time she has been selected to recite the Special Olympics Athlete's Oath to begin the Games.

She also enjoys bowling and floor hockey played with Special Olympics athletes.

Melfort and district has fifteen of the approximately 106 athletes registered for the 1993 Games. The general public is invited to come out and cheer them on.

The Opening Ceremonies on Friday, February 12th, and all the Games on Saturday, the 13th, will be open to all interested people. There is no admission.



Skater practising for games

These days you'll find Maureen Bessey of Melfort spending a good part of her day at the skating rink.

Maureen is in training for the Special Olympics Winter Games

which are to be held here on the weekend of February 12th to 14th.

She greatly enjoys figure skating and is now in her third year of lessons in this sport.

Mustangs hold first

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tion where we had to kill off another two minutes," Dickie said.

Melfort's best chance to break the tie came on a break away by Tyler Deis late in the game, but he was hauled down with an obvious hook, for which no penalty or penalty shot was awarded.

"It was an absolute joke," Dickie added. "There were eight hooking calls in that game, and then that guy may as well have had a rope around Deis when he had the break away with 39 seconds left."

The Mustangs outshot the Hawks 28-25.

Melfort 5—Notre Dame 4

The Mustangs got back on the winning track Friday evening when the Notre Dame Hounds came to town for just their second game against Melfort this season.

The Mustangs weren't in top form, but the game oozed excitement from start to finish.

"We were sloppy as far as giving the puck away goes, but if you want excitement, they don't get much more exciting than that," Dickie said.

"We were quite sloppy in our own end. It's been like that a couple of games. No one was playing their positions. They were just chasing the puck around and hitting as hard as they could."

"From an aesthetic point of view, it wasn't pretty to watch. If you want to talk about slow, the referee (Alan Smith) just wasn't allowing any flow or consistency at all."

Craig Perrett evened off his year's scoring with his number, picking up his 22nd of the season in the opening

period, while the Hounds responded with one from Tim Loftsgard.

The Hounds then went ahead 3-1 in the first four minutes of the second period, with a power play goal from Matt Cooney and one from Jason Selkirk.

The Mustangs closed to within one with a power play goal by Todd Markus, his tenth of the season, at 3:32, and Evan Anderson displayed some of his on-ice wizardry to tie the game 3-3 on the power play just over three minutes later.

A key point of the game came shortly after, when Melfort goalie Trevor Amundrud stonewalled a penalty shot by the Hounds. After that, the Mustangs seemed to respond by picking up their game a notch.

"It ended up as a positive for us," Dickie said. "(Amundrud) is so good on one on one break aways. He runs the show."

It was only fitting that Amundrud picked up an assist on Anderson's second goal of the night, scored with just 31 seconds left in the second period.

It was Anderson at his deadliest, racing in alone on a break away and leaving Hound netminder Eric Soltys wondering what had happened.

Melfort's 4-3 lead lasted only half way through the final period, when Jamie Henderson tied the game at 4-4. He blasted a wide angle shot at Amundrud, which trickled through his pads for a goal.

Finally, with 1:27 left on the clock, Melfort went ahead 5-4 on a power play goal by Tyler Deis. Darryn Listwan got the play started with a shot from the circle which bounced off Soltys onto Deis' stick, and his blast easily beat the Hound goalie.