

Sports

Wandel sisters hope to make skating a career

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Two Harveys Lake sisters have been making a name in skating competition for the past nine years.

Michele and Trudy Wandel, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wandel of Harveys Lake, have won a total of 58 trophies and 29 medals in roller skating competitions in Pennsylvania, along the Eastern Coast and in the nationals held at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Michele, age 18, and Trudy, 13, started skating at the Dallas rink since it opened nine years ago. Trudy was only 3½ years old when she started skating and, according to former instructors, was described as a natural. Michele, who was nine, enjoyed skating so well that she was at the rink every chance she had and when Luzerne County Community College offered courses in skating she enrolled and in a short time advanced to private instruction at the roller rink in Nanticoke.

In the meantime, Trudy began private instruction and both she and Michele transferred to the New Milford rink where they took lessons from the instructor there. Later, they transferred to Scranton where they took private lessons for five years, recently returning to the Rollaway rink in Dallas where they are training under Al Taglang, who has been coaching for the past 10 years. Trudy also takes freestyle instruction from Donna Bonnell, coach at the Nanticoke rink. Michele no longer enters freestyle competitions but concentrates on figure skating.

Michele first entered local competition at Nanticoke when she started taking private lessons and Trudy's first competition was at Blue Ridge. The girls are now training for the invitationals which begin this month and will advance to the state competition in Reading, then to the regionals held in the Pittsburgh area.

There, they hope to qualify for the national competition which will be held in July, 1987, in Lincoln, Nebraska. In order to qualify for this competition, the skaters must place among the top three in their category.

Michele's most recent achievement was this past season when she took second place in the figure skating competition at states in Reading. In the regionals, the closest she has come to qualifying was fourth but in the coming season her ambition is to

finish in the top three and advance to national competition in Nebraska.

Michele, who is a student at McCann Business School, competes against as many as 60 or 65 skaters in order to qualify for the national competition. In the past, she has entered both the freestyle and figure skating but this season is concentrating on figure skating and practices an average of 10 hours weekly. Weeks before the regional competition, Michele and Trudy will practice approximately five hours daily.

Trudy, who enters both the freestyle and figure skating competition, believes that she should do even better than in the past now that she is taking instruction and training at the Rollaway. It eliminates the many hours of traveling and gives her and Michele more time to practice.

Last year was the final year for Trudy's skating in the primary division where she placed fourth in the regionals. Her most recent win was in the state competition in the freestyle events. In 1984, Trudy qualified for the nationals and placed among the top skaters in the nation in figure skating.

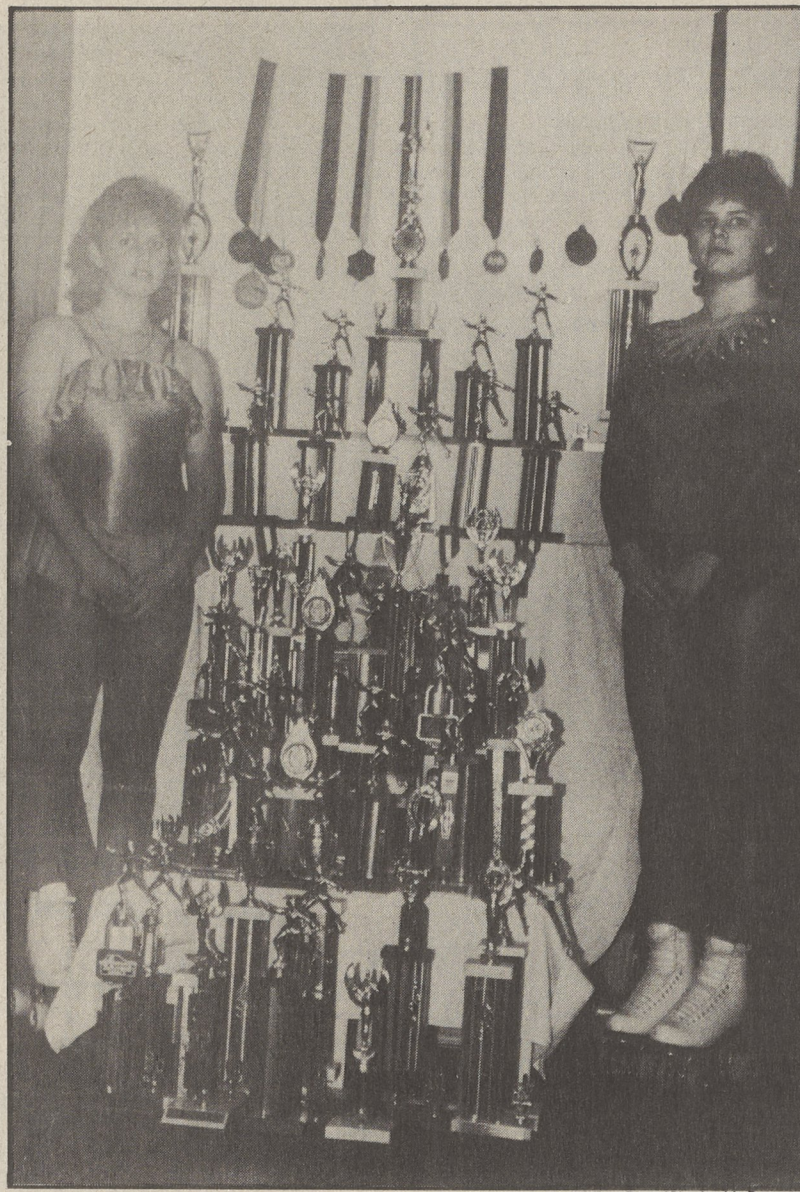
Trudy is in eighth grade at Lake-Lehman Junior High School and is a member of the junior high hockey team. Both she and Michele are excellent students and Trudy is on the honor list. Michele graduated from Lake-Lehman last June.

The sisters' ambition is to one day skate in the Olympics which may be included as an exhibition event in the upcoming Olympics. Eventually, they hope to see roller skating become a competitive event.

"Skating requires great concentration and I believe this has helped the girls with concentration on their school work," said their mother. "I'm thankful that the Rollaway now has a national club and the girls can train and practice locally. It eliminates many hours of traveling and gives them much more time to practice. They should do much better in the season ahead."

Michele and Trudy probably inherited their love for skating from their parents and grandmother. Their mother and dad skate as do their grandparents. Their grandmother skates every Monday night at Rollaway. None of them, however, have ever skated competitively.

"Trudy, however, has been a natural since she first put on a pair of skates at the age of three and a half, according to her instructor," said Mrs. Wandel.



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Skating sisters

Trudy and Michele Wandel, above, pose with some of their 58 trophies and 29 medals they have won during the past nine years in rollerskating competition.

Registration is scheduled

The Back Mountain Youth Basketball Organization will hold its player registration for the upcoming 1986-87 instructional season. Sign-ups will be held on Friday, Oct. 17 and Friday, Oct. 24, at the American Legion Post, Dallas, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The basketball program is open to boys and girls from the fourth through seventh grades, and is geared for the child interested in learning the game of basketball. Instructions will be held on Wednesday evenings at the Dallas Jr. High gym beginning November 5 with two sessions each evening.

October 17 and 24 will be the only two dates to register for the program. No registrations will be accepted after Oct. 24. Registration fee is \$12 per child with each participant receiving a basketball T-shirt for the program. The season concludes in February with a pizza party and awards for all participants.

Program Directors are Jim Kaiser of Dallas and Mike Williams of Shavertown. Anyone interested in helping with the basketball program is asked to contact the directors at registration time.

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Lady Mountaineers nip at Seminary's heels

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The Dallas girls' field hockey team continued on Wyoming Seminary's heels last Wednesday afternoon by blanking Coughlin, 4-0, at the city school's field.

Sue Wells led the Mountaineers in scoring, putting in one goal unassisted and one off an assist by Heidi Scholz.

Lindsey Krivenko scored first for the Dallas team at 10:11 into the game when she made good on a

penalty shot. Wells scored unassisted at 15:50 to run the score to 2-0.

In the second half, Shannon Cleary scored unassisted at 14:16 into the half and Wells moved the game to 4-0 at 16:40 when she scored off an assist by Heidi Scholz.

Dallas had eight shots on goal, Coughlin had one. Dallas had 30 corner shots, Coughlin two. Dallas goaltender Eileen Walsh had one save. Coughlin's goaltenders Gretchen Krueger and Renee Creazzo had eight saves between them.

The meet which should have

determined whether Lake-Lehman or Tunkhannock met their first defeat of the season ended with both teams still undefeated.

The two teams met at Tunkhannock Wednesday and both came away undefeated when their game ended in a 2-2 tie.

Both teams went without scoring in the first half until the 14:50 mark when Lady Knight Wendy Bebey scored off an assist by Lori Pantle, to take a 1-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Gretchen Adams scored off an assist by Suzi Scott to tie the game at 1-1 but in

approximately 70 seconds Noel Kuznicki scored on a corner shot at 14:21 to give the Knights a 2-1 lead.

Three minutes later, Laura Miner scored unassisted to tie the score at 2-2.

The teams played aggressive defense for the next 23 minutes to end the game in a 2-2 tie.

Lake-Lehman had 17 shots at goal, Tunkhannock had 24. Lake-Lehman had 12 corner shots, Tunkhannock had nine. Kim Koslowski had eight saves for the Knights, Tunkhannock's Heather Strunk had six saves.

Dallas kickers still in tie for first place

Dallas High School kickers continued in a tie for the lead with Wyoming Seminary in the West Division of the Conference by downing Valley West 5-2, Thursday, and trouncing Bishop Hafey 17-0, Tuesday, at Hafey's field.

The Lake-Lehman Knights were leading 5-4 in the final period in Tuesday's meet with Bishop Hoban but with only four seconds on the clock the Argents Leon Bielecki shot one in to send the score to 5-5 and continue the game into double overtime to end the meet with the 5-5 tie. The Knights nipped Tunkhannock 5-4 Thursday at the Tigers field to continue in fourth place.

It took Dallas Coach John McCafferty's Mountaineers three quarters to break away from the Spartans at the Dallas field.

DALLAS SCORES FIRST
Dallas scored first in the game when Jim Lister scored off an assist by Reese Finn at 19:28 in the first quarter. He assisted Mark Richardson five minutes later and scored two goals himself in the third period, the first of those with an assist by Eric Rosentel broke a 2-2 tie with the Spartans and 1:30 later

he scored another goal unassisted. Brent Snowdon scored the final goal for the Mountaineers when he was assisted by Brett Weyman.

Fred Ebert scored both goals for the Spartans, the first with an assist by Matt Bouche at 16:43 into the period. Only 53 seconds into the third period, Ebert took a shot that rebounded off the hands of Dallas goalkeeper John Sheehan and knocked it in to tie the score at 2-2.

MORRIS LEADS WAY
In the game with Bishop Hafey, Dave Morris led Dallas in their 17-0 shutout with three goals. In the first half, Eric Rosentel and Mike Richards scored two goals each to pace Dallas to an 8-0 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Mountaineers broke the game wide open, scoring seven goals started off by Brent Snowdon. Joel Vandenhoozen and Jim Evans scored, then Dave Morris scored two followed by Ray Besecker and Tom Shone.

John Astin and Mike Haggerty scored the final two goals of the game in the fourth period.

DALLAS AT 9-1
The Mountaineers stand at 9-1 going into this week when they play

Abington away and Lake-Lehman at home.

In the Lake-Lehman Knights game with Tunkhannock Mark Bon-savage scored off an assist by Matt Reinert at 14:50 in the final period to break a 4-4 tie and give the Knights a 5-4 win.

The Knights scored two goals in the first period and two in the second to match the Tigers who did the same. Lake-Lehman put the first score on the board when Rick Parry off an assist by Chris Scharff, scored at :37 into the period. Less (See KICKERS, page 11)

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