

Stalking the gold in speed skating

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He began as an artistic skater, a dance skater. He took sixth at an international dance competition in 1977. He switched to speed skating.

"I guess I always liked to go real fast," said the soft-spoken Dunn. Dunn has been skating for 10 years. With no career opportunities involved in speed skating, he has given thought to his life after he hangs up the skates.

"I guess my goal right now is the world title. I never want to say that any year from now. I think once you do that you let up some. I don't know. I've thought about going into journalism. I've taken classes at Macomb Community College," Dunn said.

JACKSON HAS never won an individual national title, though he's placed third twice and finished fourth in the world last year. Dunn and Jackson make up a two-man, 5,000-meter relay team that has won three national titles.

"Chuck has more natural ability than I do," said Dunn. "He's got the leg strength, the balance and the power. He's small, but he's powerful. And he has that inner drive, the ability to push himself when everybody else lets down."

Dunn and Jackson have been friends for a long time. They live together and they train together. Between them, they have competed in Italy, New Zealand, Colombia, Belgium, Puerto Rico and throughout the U.S.

Ironically, they compete against each other.

"NO. IT'S NOT a problem," said Jackson. "I can't stand the guy anyway." (Laughter) "No, we help each other a lot."

The relationship between Stone and Thomas is similar to that of Dunn and Jackson. They live and train together, but compete against each other.

"When we first met, we didn't get along at all. We hated each other. Seriously," said Thomas. "We were on different teams back then, and she was friends with my sister. They used to gang up on me."

They eventually fell under the guidance of Dooley.

"Dawn Thomas has a lot of natural talent, too. It seems to come easy for her. She's younger and she doesn't quite have that inner motivation yet. I think she could have won a lot more than she has, but she seems to let down. I think it will all come in time, though," he said.

DOOLEY CALLS Stone the most naturally talented of all his skaters. She is also one of his most frustrating.

"I get really disappointed in her sometimes because she doesn't train as hard as she should. She needs to be pushed. She's got a strong body and super natural foot speed. She is good in the sprints, yet, she has endurance when she needs it. If she would train as hard as Rob, she would be a world champion," he said.

All four skaters point immediately to Dooley for their success. Stone quit skating for Dooley for one year. "It was the biggest mistake I ever made," she said.

The skaters train out of the Fenton Rollerama for a team called the Fenton Striders. All are former members of the Bonaventure Skating Club in Farmington.

All are true champions.



Speed skaters Dawn Thomas (left) and Renee Stone (right) won three different medals at the National Sports Festival.

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Tim McGuire to call it a career

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Before long, I was doing things other kids couldn't do, and a teacher asked if I wanted private lessons."

The rest, as they say, is history.

"My parents hardly pushed me at all," says McGuire, rare behavior for the parents of world-class skaters. "They were supportive. Get back out on the floor and practice." I wasn't super-natural as far as picking it up easily. I took a lot of falls and kept on going. I was very self-motivated."

McGuire's sister, Lisa, 16, is also an accomplished skater, having finished second nationally in pairs.

THOUGH ROLLER SKATING has world titles, it is not yet part of the Olympics, though inclusion in the National Sports Festival is an indication that Olympic status is not far off. According to McGuire, roller skating may be included in the '92 Games, nearly a decade too late as far as his plans go.

"Hey, even if they were in for '88, I wouldn't be able to hang around," adds McGuire. "My knee just wouldn't hold up that long."

So come October, win or lose, McGuire's through. The only roller he'll be interested in is through his undergraduate work and then through medical school.

Annual relay race attracts 25 teams

West Bloomfield High School will be the site this weekend of the fourth annual 24-hour Association for Retarded Citizens Team Relay Race.

The race features 25, 10-person teams running in three different divisions: Women's, Men's and Coed. The relay begins 11 a.m. Saturday and concludes at the same time Sunday morning.

The idea is to pass the baton to another runner on your team after every mile, said publicity director Ronald Rich. "The teams run as far as they can, and the team which runs the furthest will win. It's not quite physically as tough, but it is mentally as tough as a marathon race because you are running for 24 hours," he said.

Skeleton Crew won the race last year by going 266 miles. Rich said Skeleton Crew will be back to defend its championship in hopes of breaking the state of Michigan record of 280 miles, which was set at the 1980 Relay Race by a group from Western Michigan University.

"It's a wild event, and it is one of the largest fund-raising events in Michigan," said Rich. "We are hoping to get \$25,000 in pledges this year."

The Relay netted \$11,000 for the ARC last year, with the Chamberlain Champs raising the most money as a team, \$4,121.

As an extra attraction, a shoe exhibit will be held 2 p.m. Saturday by Nike. There is a running exhibition planned for 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Area runners place high in Strider's B'Ham run

The following results are from the 10-kilometer and two-mile divisions of the Motor City Striders' first annual Back to Birmingham Run, held Saturday to salute the city's 50th anniversary:

WOMEN

1. Ella Willis, 25, Detroit, 38:07; 2. Anna Baver, 20, Birmingham, 40:15; 3. Terry Stouffer, 17, Auburn Heights, 41:20; 4. Barbara Mathews, 33, Birmingham, 42:37; 5. Jan Jacobs, 25, Birmingham, 42:44; 6. Jean Kayser, 18, Birmingham, 43:02; 7. Shelly Sommerfeld, 28, Southfield, 44:21; 8. Nancy Adams, 18, Redford, 44:25; 9. Peg Holmes, 33, Southfield, 45:07; 10. Janet Wagenschutz, 39, Troy, 45:46; 11. Debby Kiefus, 20, Southfield, 45:53; 12. Robyn Colwell, 18, Birmingham, 45:59; 13. Maggie Zidar, 33, Pontiac, 46:52; 14. Carol Stanton, 37, Birmingham, 47:47; 15. Mary Jeffery, 28, Pontiac, 48:03; 16. Rose Kaczor, 35, Clarkston, 48:48; 17. Valerie Johnson, 28, Southfield, 49:13; 18. Maryann Welch, 23, Royal Oak, 49:29; 19. Susan Tyndal, 25, Southfield, 50:03; 20. Terri Boar, 25, Mt. Clemens, 50:24.

MEN

1. David Krafus, 19, Southfield, 31:53; 2. Doug Bonk, 26, Birmingham, 32:27; 3. Peter Hoke, 31, Southfield, 32:22; 4. Terry Elsey, 30, Southfield, 33:56; 5. Rich Fromm, 20, Bloomfield Hills, 34:14; 6. Craig Steen, 19, Troy, 34:40; 7. John Burns, 19, Birmingham, 34:42; 8. Jay Kershenbaum, 29, Allen

1. John McCleary, 18, Birmingham, 35:32; 10. Stan Polkowski, 30, Farmington Hills, 35:35.

11. Joe Radke, 26, Sterling Heights, 35:37; 12. David Pettibone, 21, Sterling Heights, 35:45; 13. Don Bandano, 33, Troy, 36:00; 14. Doug Cedeno, 35, Sterling Heights, 36:07; 15. Treg Scott, 18, Birmingham, 36:21; 16. Roger Sheldon, 32, Birmingham, 36:35; 17. Dean Nyman, 33, Birmingham, 36:45; 18. Dave Birdinger, 43, Beverly Hills, 36:45; 19. Brad Gaczynski, 21, Sterling Heights, 37:14.

MEN 2-MILE

1. Rod Wright, 46, Clawson, 11:17; 2. Dave Gonzalez, 26, Royal Oak, 11:18; 3. Keith Bowman, 33, Detroit, 11:31; 4. Mike Fishman, 18, Birmingham, 11:52; 5. Larry Bohnsack, 29, Allen Park, 12:04; 6. David Vanker, 32, Birmingham, 12:06; 7. John Rust, 18, Franklin, 12:26; 8. Kevin Smith, 14, Oak Park, 12:35; 9. Chad Finley, 13, Rochester, 12:36; 10. Dave Armstrong, 42, Highland.

WOMEN 2-MILE

1. Linda Marland, 25, Royal Oak, 14:22; 2. Heather Ridley, 13, Holly, 14:28; 3. Amy Fabick, 12, Detroit, 14:35; 4. Ann Scott, 17, Birmingham, 14:50; 5. Pam Reed, 20, West Bloomfield, 15:55; 6. Sharon Falk, 31, Grosse Pointe Park, 16:01; 7. Heather Deneen, 12, Bloomfield Hills, 16:08; 8. Vivian Comer, 29, Troy, 16:24; 9. Jennifer Riordan, 17, Birmingham, 16:25; 10. Pam Heinrich, 27, Au Gres, 16:28.

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