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## Skating world descends on Morris

### Precisely Right team on familiar territory as Mennen 'home team'

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MORRIS TWP. -- The eyes of the synchronized skating world will be focused on Morris County today when the 2009 Eastern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships get underway at Mennen Arena.

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One hundred and thirty-eight teams from Maine to Florida will make the trek through the slush and ice for three days of competition, battling for the right to advance to the national competition in Portland, Maine, on March 3-7.

Precisely Right, which calls Mennen Arena home and has numerous Morris County skaters, will try to carry its strong performance earlier in the month at the Foot of the Lake Synchronized Skating Classic in Fond du Lac, Wis., into the next two days of competition.

Precisely Right had a pair of teams claim medals; third place in the Juvenile program and fourth place in the Open Juvenile.

"They had a really good skate I was proud of them," Precisely Right head coach John Towill said. "They got themselves in a little bit of trouble but they got out of it when they had to. I'm looking for a good skate at the eastern."

Kate Lautenberg, Denville resident and member of the juvenile team, recounts the Wisconsin trip. "It was a fun experience, it was my first time on the team," Lautenberg said. "It was fun we all got to hang together."

The team has been busy since the start of the synchronized skating season in October, traveling around the country to compete. Precisely Right has made stops in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Michigan thus far this season.

A year ago, there were 450 synchronized skating teams in the country. Twelve months later there are 525, and the number is growing.

"Synchronized used to be something to do when you didn't have anything," Towill said. "The standard is so high now because of the improvement of the skating. There's always someone on the team working on their routine."

Precisely Right will have a routine in four different divisions: Preliminary, Juvenile, Open Juvenile and Junior.

A handful of new members, which includes 12 out of the 13 girls on the preliminary division team, are in their first year of synchronized skating.

Towill, head coach since 1999, has seen steady improvement throughout the season in each one of his 60 girls.

"It's a big adjustment if your new," Towill said. "Its more fast and difficult than people give it credit for. Imagine putting two people together and telling them to do the same thing. Then tell them to do it with

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Precisely Right members perform for the judges at The Eastern Synchronized Team Skating Sectional Championships preliminary rounds at Mennen Arena. One hundred and thirty-eight teams are participating in the contest.

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speed and flow then multiply that by a team. The girls have blended in with the seasoned girls who've been around."

Randolph's Julia Hoylman is in her first year in synchronized skating, after competing individually for four years.

"I kind of felt like I was by myself in the sport," Hoylman said. "I was very lonely in the sport. I would go to school and be like 'oh I did this in skating last night' and no one would have any idea what I was talking about. Now in synchro, I can come and talk to my friends on the team about things. It's nice and it's a lot different."

Amira Miyaj, Chester resident and a member of the juvenile team, recognizes the level of competition.

"We want to win, but we have a really small chance because the number of teams" Miyaj said. "I'd like to win."

After all the hours of practices and private sessions with coaches, the four divisions of Precisely Right will test their routine against some of the best teams on the east coast.

"Wherever they finish it doesn't matter," Towill said. "If they give a performance that honors themselves, that's all that matters. Not the results."

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