

Skaters glide to medal glory

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Winning skaters, from left, Maggie Read, 16, Archie Bicknell, 15, Nicola Baxter, 14, Miles Grist, 10, and Keelin Scholes, 15.

FIGURE SKATING

A SERIES of impressive performances ensured the IW Figure Skating Club won a host of prizes at a mainland competition last week.

The club took part in the three-day event in Basingstoke, competing against skaters from across the country.

Archie Bracknell followed in the footsteps of other Island skaters by winning the solo exhibition, with his Queen-themed *We Will Rock You* routine.

Archie, who narrowly missed out on first place in the free programme event, received scores of high fours, 5.5s and six-out-of-six for entertainment value.

Maggie Read took silver with her interpretation of *Monster Mash* and Nikita Heathfield finished a commendable fifth out of 18 competitors.

Nicola Baxter stylishly skated to *Miss Saigon*

to win the beginner ladies' 14 Years and Over trophy.

Hannah Barfoot was fourth and Hannah Brookes sixth, from 15 skaters.

Keelin Scholes won the level 1 ladies 14 years and over class with her challenging Robin Hood routine, with Beckie Vockins finishing in sixth.

Miles Grist took silver in the beginner men's class, performing to Michael Jackson, and Mitchell Brown finished fourth in the level 1 men's event.

In the two-four artistic competition, Bicknell and Read finished second after leading all the way until the last pair performed, while Baxter, Scholes and Beth Howarth finished fifth.

Coach Terri Smith said: "Our skaters have once again done us, their parents and themselves very proud and we are now looking forward to the National Team Challenge competition on Sunday."

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