



**Carter Bruce**

**Hometown:** Stratford

**Age:** 16 Years Old

**School:** Immanuel Christian School, Grade 10

**Instagram:** @carter\_361

In his own words:

I have been skating since the age of three, when I used to go to family skates with my parents. I took a few different skating programs before finding speed skating at age seven. When I first joined speed skating, it was completely new to me. I had no other family members who had speed skated before me. I hadn't even watched it on TV, so I didn't really know what the sport was about. For the first few years, I wasn't extremely interested in it but after watching the Olympics and seeing the athletes and how fast they could go, it made me want to compete in more competitions and continue to improve myself. I like the competitive aspect of the sport and I enjoy tracking my progress after each competition. I have taken up cycling and running which helps to build my endurance for speed skating. I am looking forward to going to Canada Games to represent my province and have an opportunity to improve myself as an athlete even more.



Carter Bruce (foreground, centre). October 2017. Photo courtesy of Kristen Binns.



**Matthew McKenna**  
**Hometown:** Brackley  
**Age:** 17 Years Old  
**School:** Colonel Gray High School, Grade 12

In his own words:

I started skating 6 years ago. When I started skating, I did not think that I would become competitive, but thanks to the amazing team of people we have here on PEI, I was able to progressively improve, eventually ending up in the advanced group. I attended my first long track competition in December of 2017. It was in Quebec, and my second was in Halifax. We have a bit of a challenge as we don't have a LT oval on PEI and our CWG coach is over 4000 km away. This means we will have to travel to Halifax for training on the oval and do most of our coaching through e-mails. Traveling to Halifax adds a bit of difficulty as it is all weather dependent. My hobbies include aviation (flight simulators/RC aircraft) and biking. I plan to study Architecture after graduation from high school. I am proud to represent my province in the Canada Games. Many people have put in a lot of effort to get me here and I am thankful for that and excited to put all of that effort to good use.



Matthew McKenna (left). October 2018. Photo courtesy of Amanda Burke.