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My name is Barbara Espinosa, I am 8 years old, and I have been skating for two and a half years. I loved ice skating from the first time I stepped into an ice rink. I enjoyed it so much that the rink allowed me to stay for the summer camp even though I was too young to attend. I watched the older girls jumping and spinning and I only could think about doing all those incredible things.

I love my ice rink and my club "Miami Figure Skating". They are my ice family. We support each other and enjoy every exhibition, training, or competition. I feel grateful to be part of my skating community. I love training, as my coach says, "skating should be fun". She is awesome and does everything to help me learn in a positive environment, encouraging me to put in my best effort. Being an Ice Skater taught me to keep going no matter the distance or the fall.

So far, my biggest challenge is landing a clean axel and moving to double jumps. Once I do it, I plan to encourage other young skaters to keep trying. Also, I am preparing to take my pre-juvenile moves in the field test. I am very excited about it. Besides skating, I like art, dance, design, and architecture. I try to include a little bit of them in my daily activities. In the future, I would love to be part of Team USA, go to college, and bring my cat with me everywhere I go.

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Our dreams are to be able to compete at competitions at our highest possible level also perform at shows. Our current highest achievement after only being a new pair is being

partnered together for around 3 weeks we have been skating doubles for TV our challenges are ensuring we have plenty of time to dedicate to train together as a pair





My dream is become a better figure skater.

My goals are to execute all my elements

My achievements are new personal bests

I have lots of challenges and tried hard to overcome these

Photographers Credits: Yes







Katiea & Emily Young

Hello we are Katie and Emily Young we are 8 year old twins from Belfast Northern Ireland and we have been skating from just before our 6th Birthday, we skate in dundonald ice bowl and we skate on average around 5 times a week, our coach is Dempsey Andrews and she is amazing she has helped us get through our dundonald levels 1 to 10 , our British ice skating passport bronze , silver and gold , our level 1 and 2 British ice skating association field moves tests and she has helped us get ready to take our level 3 ones hopefully next month , we joined the competitive team last year and skated a couple of competitions and we are looking forward to a

busier year competing, ice skating makes us feel alive it makes us feel better when we have had a bad day , it makes us work harder to achieve something if we are finding it difficult, Katie's favourite position on the ice is an I stand and Emily's favourite position is a beuillman, our favourite spins are the corkscrew and the sit spin! In the future we hope to pass our level 3 field moves and eventually once we have gone through our levels we hope to be apart of the British squad and maybe even go on to teach ice skating, we love all things to do with the ice .

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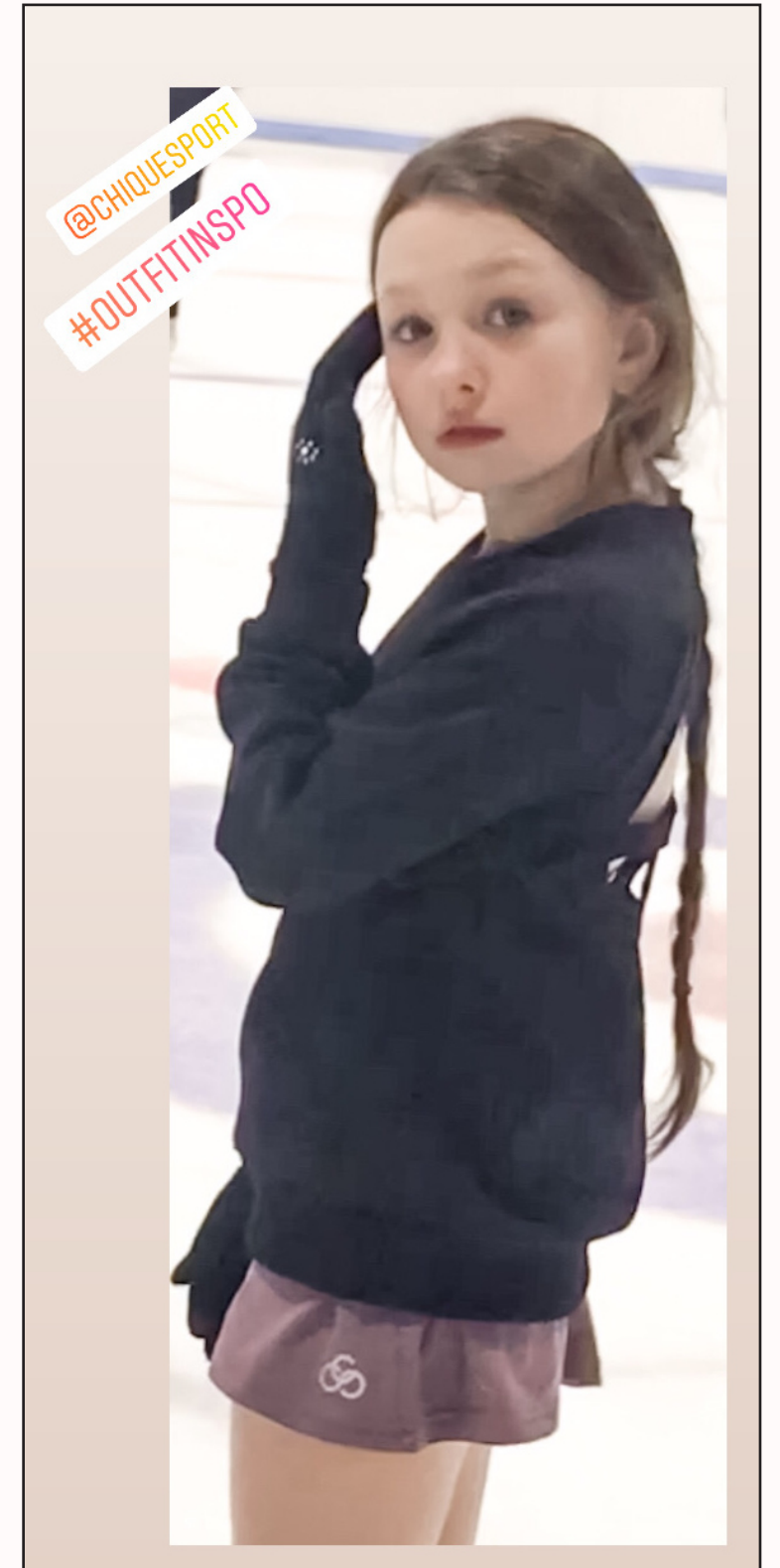




I stepped into the ice on a family day out and after 5 minutes using a penguin I was off on my own. One of the coaches told my parents about group lessons so I joined them a few months later. After a few group blocks I was getting bored going over the same things every week and I wanted to wear the skating dresses and spin like some of the others on the ice, so I began one to one coaching with my fabulous coach Rebecca Hutchinson. I suffer from terrible shyness but I had at last found something that I didn't mind so much when people would watch me. It took me a long time to build the courage to perform on the ice on my own so to ease me in I did me first Christmas Gala to prepare me for starting to compete and then lockdown hit, I was devastated but during this time when I couldn't get to the rink I used off ice skating to tide me over and my coach had weekly off ice classes online to keep my fitness up. Then I got a synthetic rink to practice on which is great as I can skate around this house much to everyone's annoyance. I'm now back at the rink and am preparing for my first competition and to at last hopefully gain my Level1. My hope for the future is to move up the Levels and one day I would love to perform professionally and would love to one day skate alongside Vanessa Bauer as I think she is very talented skater and she looks like lots of fun.

Photographers Credits: Angela sheppard









Hi my name is Lillie Reid and I am 10 years old. I started my figure skating journey at the age of 4 years old, my interest was piqued thanks to my uncle who is a self taught speed skater. He took me onto the ice before my 4th birthday and I fell in love with ice skating.

I skate for the Galleon IDFSK in Kilmarnock and my

coach is Fiona MacKenzie.

I competed in my first ever national competition in 2018 at Blackpool pleasure beach placing 3rd in my first ever event. Since then I have worked hard to achieve all goals set and have also placed in other competitions since 2018. I was talent spotted for the youngstars British development

squad in 2019/2020 season placing second and bringing back a silver medal.

Unfortunately due to covid hitting along with the new changes in age and levels (from BIS) I have aged out at level 1 to be able to make this youngstars squad again. I am very determined to work hard and achieve new goals this year and hopefully in the near future I make the British development squad.

I kept up off-ice skating during lockdown to keep myself going, it was very hard not getting back into the ice rinks and being with my skating family or going to competitions. I also do gymnastics and play football to keep my fitness levels up. I train 6 days out of 7.

This season (July 2022 start) I will be competing at level 2 and look forward to all the challenges it arises. I have been working hard on my axle, being rotated and landed along with my double salchow.

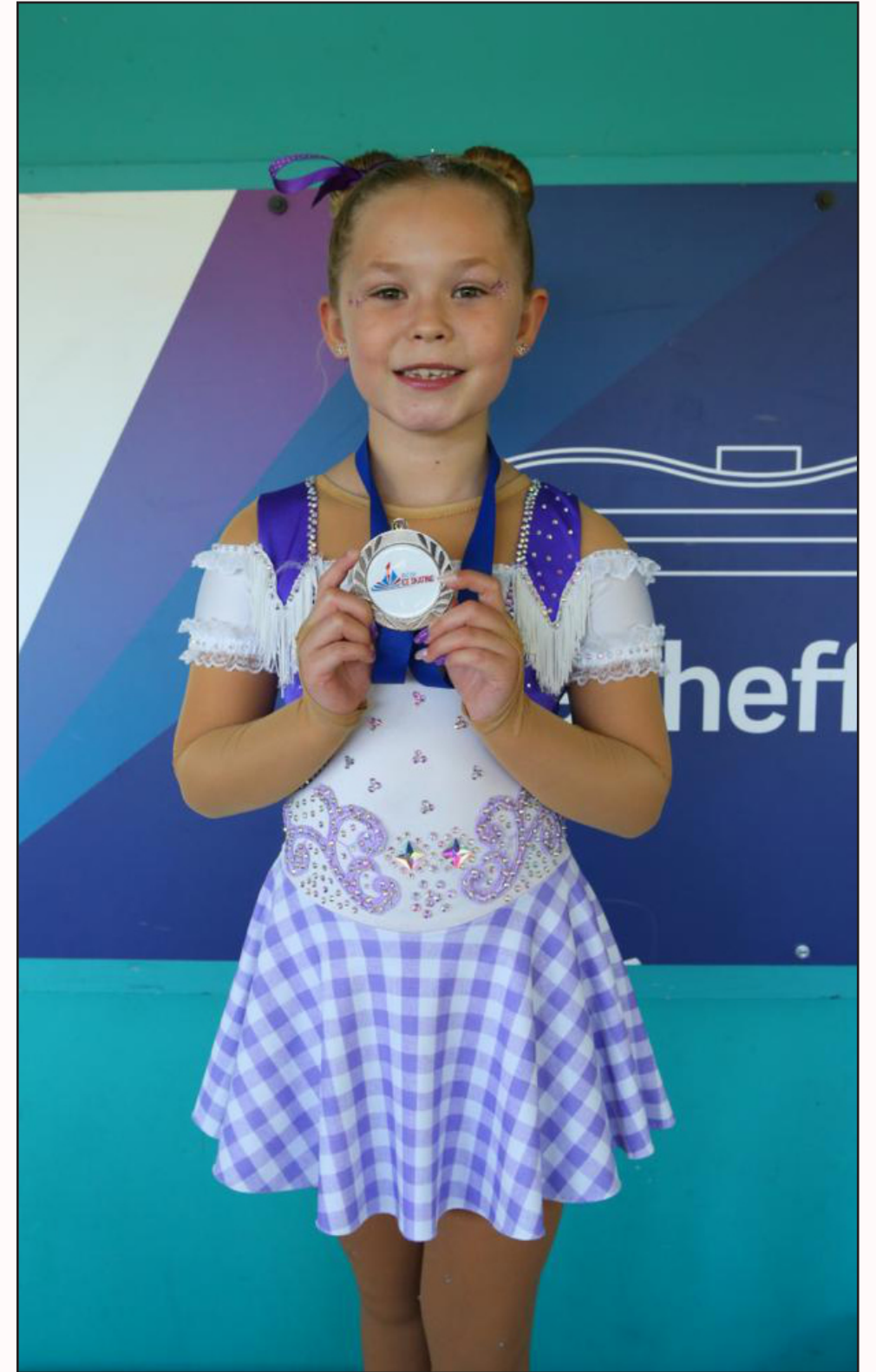
My challenges and accomplishments this year have been landing fully rotated axels, my double jumps and gaining a level two score.

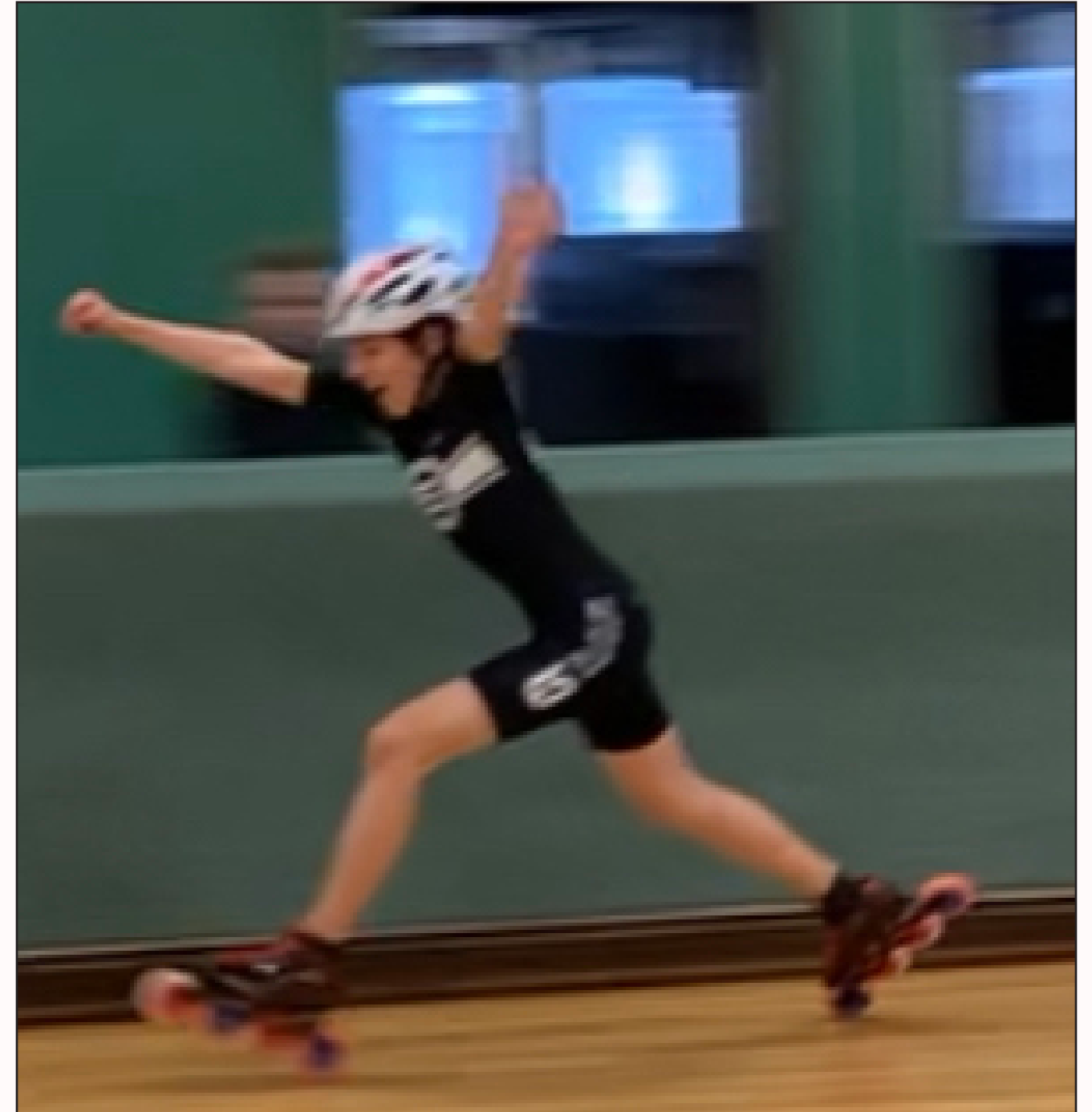
I hope one day to make the Olympics and achieve all my dreams skating has for me.

My skating inspirations are Lewis Gibson & Lilah Fear, Natasha McKay, Christie Shannon and PJ Hallam. I would love to be just like them in their skating careers.

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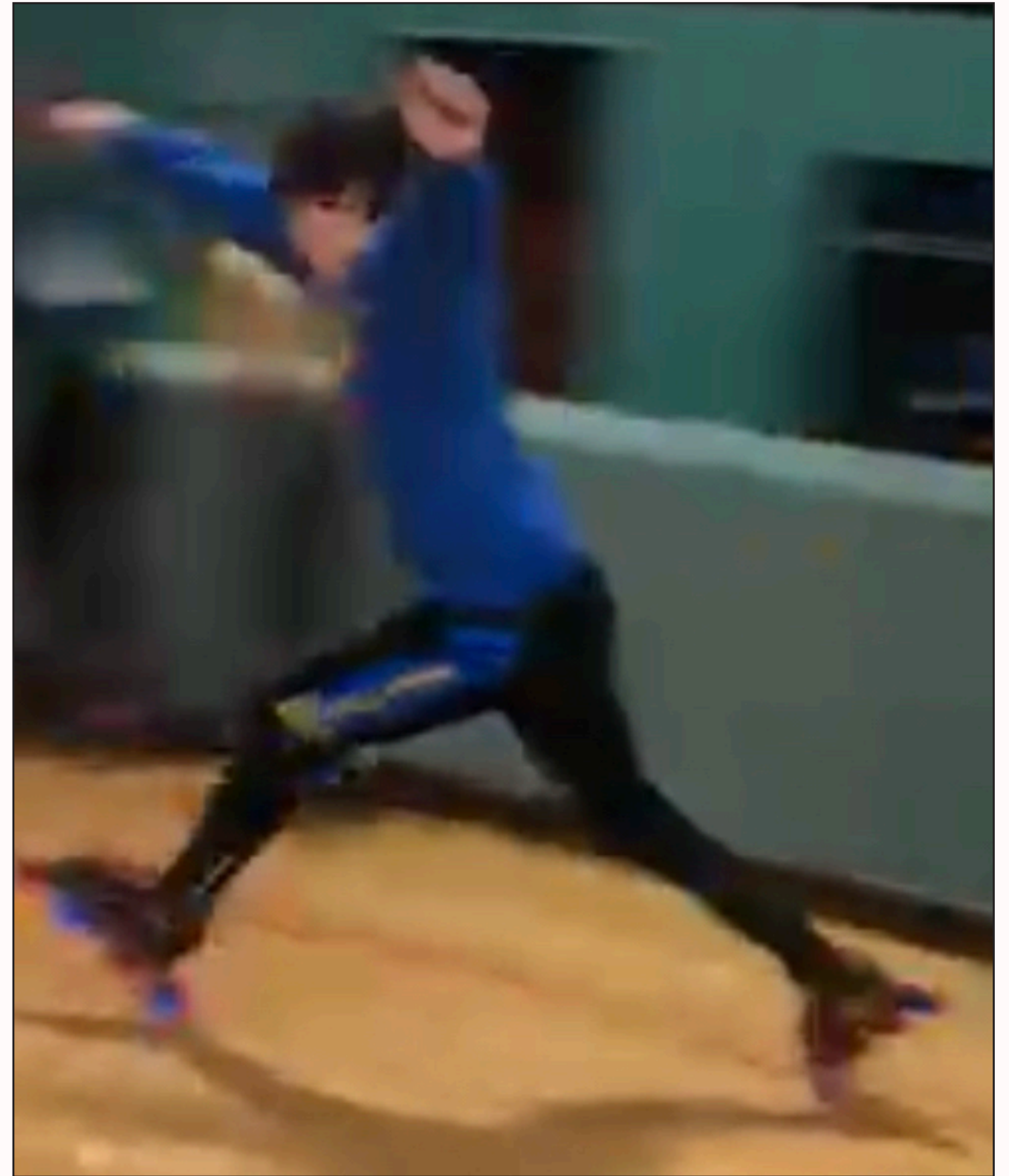




Hi, my name is Owen, i am a speed skater for Rollaire Speed team, in Manitowoc, Wi. My dreams are too one, make it to the world championships for inline speed skating, and to one day make it to ice skating. My goals are to make it to nationals

this year and place in Florida at the Orlando inline challenge. Some achievements are on my first ever meet i placed second over all in my division. And some challenges i face in the way are, getting mad at myself or others and putting myself down.







I dream of skating professionally. My goal is to continue to push myself to be the best I can be and enjoy every moment! I sometimes let nerves get to me but my confidence is growing everyday. I love training hard and seeing how far I have come over the last 4 years.

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Hello, I'm Yuna, I'm currently nine years old and I'm from Austria. I started skating when I was five. It was love on the first step, you could say. Everything started with the children's course in the heart of Tyrol (Innsbruck) and it quickly became clear that I wanted to learn more than just fish forward and some frog jumps 🐸. At the

beginning I was only allowed to stand on the ice for one hour a day and that a maximum of two times a week, fortunately that has changed. Now I train many hours on the ice a week 🙌, have a solid off-ice training 🏋️‍♀️ 🧘‍♀️ and do improvisation and a little dance with my mom 🎭 once a week in my basement.



My biggest challenge so far was the Corona crisis. It forced me to train off-ice for almost 4 months in 2020 and also in 2021 I had several off-ice seasons. But what doesn't knock you down makes you stronger. I took the motto "No Excuses!" to heart and continued giving my best. During this time I started to work on my Biemann and my stretchability. In general, I have a hard time with stretching, but if you do it every other day for an hour, at least there is no regression anymore 😊.

On the ice, though, I'm not a fan of pirouettes. Of course, the ones I have to do, I do consistently, but my heart beats for jumping. I jumped my first axel when I was exactly seven years old, and now I jump all double jumps and train the double combinations quite diligently. The double Axel will be my next big goal as soon as the competition season is over. Last year I was the overall winner of Austria in my category, of course I'm trying to achieve this goal again this year, but it's very difficult. I am one of the youngest in my category and I have to push hard to look as beautiful as the big ones.

There are many opportunities for my future, but the big goal at the end should be the Olympic Games in 2030. I would love to be allowed to represent Austria - as Olga Mikutina was allowed to do this year. She is a wonderful runner and a great role model for me!

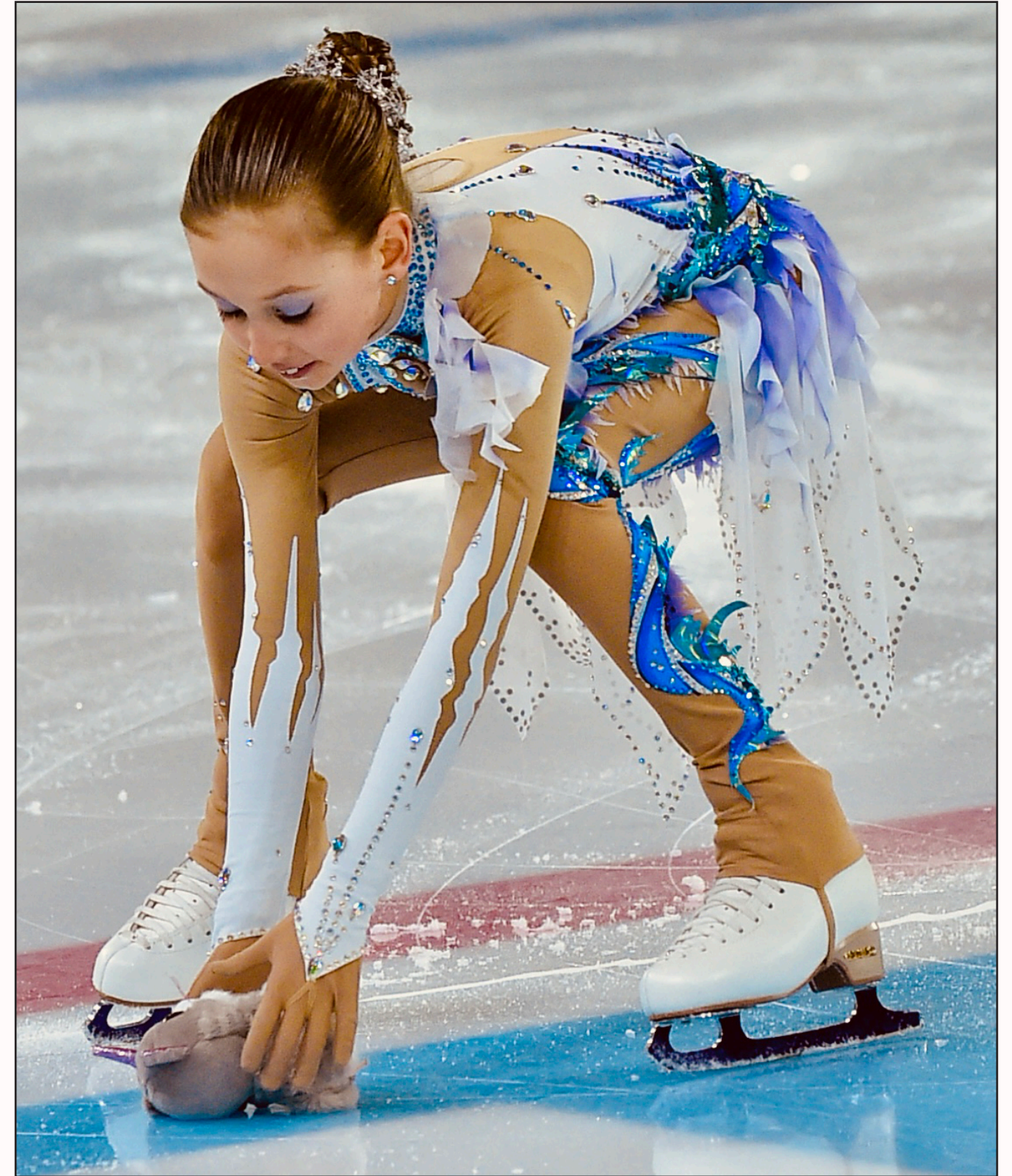
I hope that I was able to bring you a little closer to myself and my passion. Don't forget to stop by at my Instagram account: [yunamae_skating](https://www.instagram.com/yunamae_skating) - there you can follow my journey and maybe leave me some greetings from all over the world 😊.

Lots of love,

Yuna-Mae

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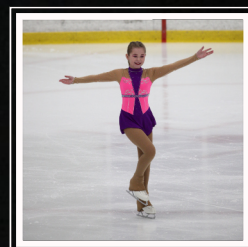




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