

Sarah Arnold and Justin Trojek step in for Olympic champions at Skate Canada International in Kingston , Ontario on October 29 and 30, 2010.

Canadian ice dancers Sarah Arnold and Justin Trojek will serve as alternates for Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir at Skate Canada International. The news follows this week's announcement that the Olympic champions will not compete at the Canadian stop on the Grand Prix skating circuit due to Virtue's recent surgery to alleviate pain in both legs.

Arnold and Trojek, who train at the **Kitchener-Waterloo Skating Club**, recently finished eight in their international debut last month at the 2010 Nebelhorn Trophy in Germany. Their strong finish served to highlight the potential of this newly formed pair, who have trained together for only 18 months.

The team is coached by former Virtue and Moir coach Paul MacIntosh. Justin Trojek and the Olympic champions Virtue and Moir are no strangers, explains MacIntosh. "Justin, Tessa and Scott all trained here as kids", referring to a time when the young skaters all trained together at the Kitchener-Waterloo Skating Club. "Tessa tells me she is thrilled that Sarah and Justin will be their alternates".

Congratulations Sarah and Justin!

