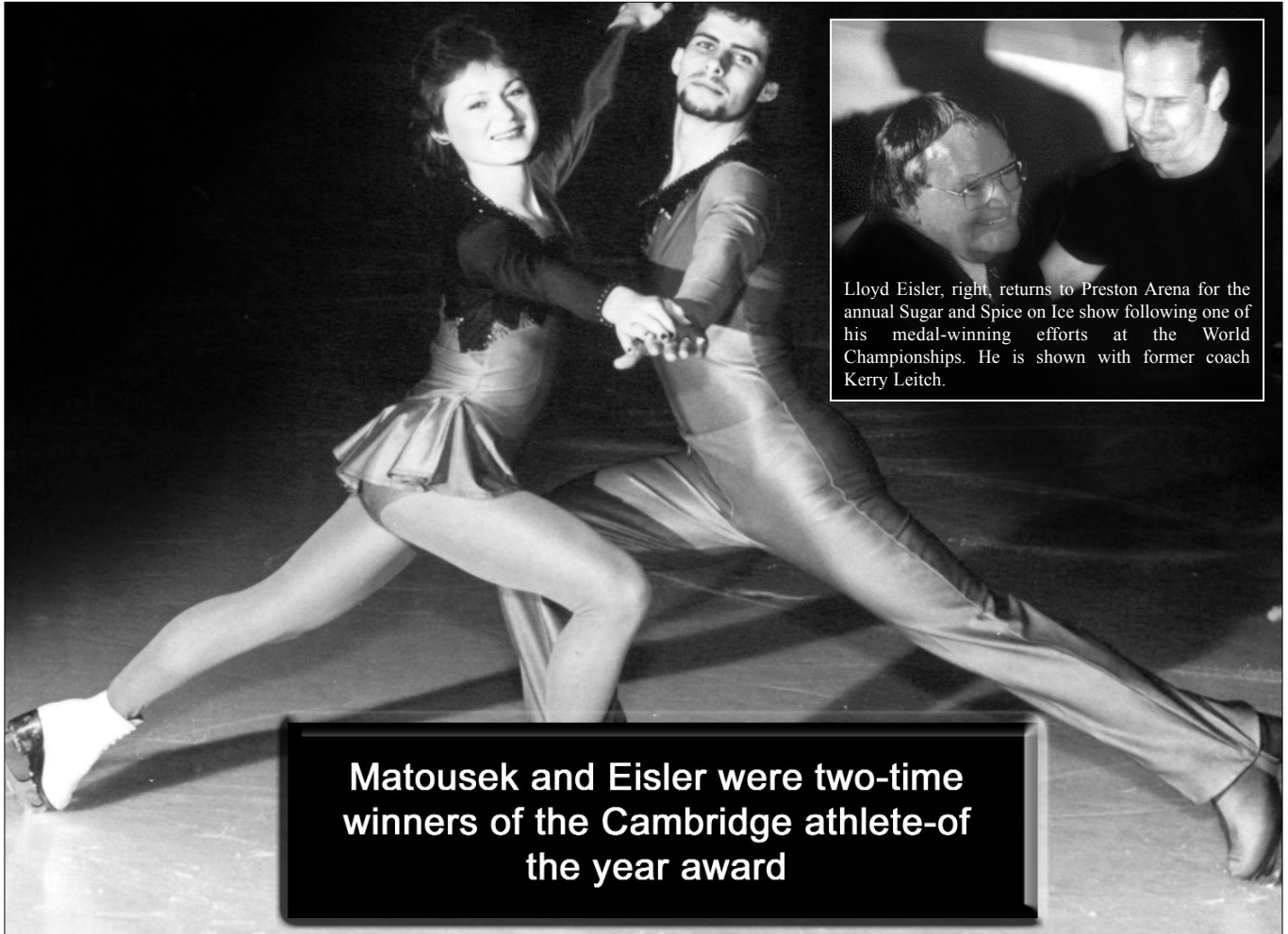


Matousek and Eisler

Katerina: April 20, 1964 –

Lloyd: April 28, 1963 –



Matousek and Eisler were two-time winners of the Cambridge athlete-of the year award

Lloyd Eisler, right, returns to Preston Arena for the annual Sugar and Spice on Ice show following one of his medal-winning efforts at the World Championships. He is shown with former coach Kerry Leitch.

Katerina Matousek, a native of Vancouver and member of the North Shore Winter Club, and Lloyd Eisler, a native of Seaforth, Ontario, joined forces in 1982 under coach Kerry Leitch with the Preston Figure Skating Club, and by 1983 the two were vying for national honours.

That year they were third at the Canadian championships, and the following year, they were crowned national pairs champions.

They had many top finishes internationally, but unquestionably, they reached their pinnacle in March of 1985 at the World Figure Skating Championships in Tokyo when they won the bronze medal.

Eisler, nicknamed Herbie, was known for his throwing prowess, and the two skaters were among the world's best.

Internationally, they had a string of successes, including finishing second at St. Gervais, and the Nebelhorn Trophy in 1982 – they were sixth at Skate America that same year – and 10th at the 1983 World Championships.

Also in 1983 they were third at the Ennia Challenge Cup and fifth at Skate America.

In 1984 they were eighth at the 1984 Winter Olympics, and

went on to place fifth at the World Championships. That same year they were third at Skate Canada and fifth at the NHK Trophy.

They were also named Cambridge's Tim Turow athletes of the year in 1984 and 1985.

Matousek, who had been plagued with painful leg injuries – she had stress fractures in her final two seasons of skating – retired from competitive skating in May, 1985 following the World Championships, deciding to turn to coaching in her native British Columbia.

She and Eisler had been unable to defend their Canadian title at the Canadian championships that spring in Moncton.

Lloyd went on to skate with Isabelle Brasseur – Brasseur and Eisler were household names in Canada in the late 1980s and early 1990s – five times winning the Canadian pairs title.

Eisler and Brasseur went on to win the World Championships in 1993, after finishing second the two previous years.

Though Matousek and Eisler skated only a few years together, they had achieved a distinction that few ever attain – winning a world championship medal.

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