

UDFSC NEWSLETTER WINTER 2008

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Icenetwork.com is a great way to see live and on-demand video of premiere figure skating events including Skate America and the 2008 National Championships. Video of Eastern Sectional Championships 2008 is now available for viewing if you are a subscriber.

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QUOTE TO NOTE:

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”
Colin Powell

UDFSC REPORT

Synchronized Team Skating **SPRING AUDITIONS**

Sunday April 13, 2008 at the University Rinks
3:00pm-6:30pm

Please email megano@udel.edu to find out your time based on your age and skill level.

University of Delaware Figure Skating Club *Award Descriptions*

Note: Only home club skaters may be considered for awards. All disciplines are invited to participate (single, pairs, dance, synchro, etc.). Coaches may be considered for Coach of the Year as long as they coach at UDFSC.

Achievement Award (This award will be broken in to 6 categories: 1. Sectional and National competitors 2. Jr. National Competitors 3. Regional competitors 4. Non-qualifying competitors 5. Non-competitors (take USFS tests, but did not compete in the past year) 6. Adult competitors)

This award will recognize the individual accomplishments of a skater and his or her improvement throughout the past year (June 2, 2006 - June 1, 2007). Tests passed

and competition placements will be considered. This award will also recognize those skaters who are not only committed to skating, but also to school, work, community service, and/or other extracurricular activities during the past year. In order to be considered for this award, a skater must submit an application form and provide the requested documentation of tests passed. Trophies will be awarded.

All skaters requesting party tickets are invited to nominate a skater for this award. The nominee shall be a skater who represents the University of Delaware Figure Skating Club in a positive way and who takes pride in being a member of the club. This person also openly supports and encourages other UD skaters at all events and who acts as a positive role model to other skaters. This person stands out in a crowd and exemplifies team camaraderie at all competitions. A trophy will be awarded. This award will be voted on the night of the awards banquet.

Scholastic Honors Award (up to four awards by grade level group: 1-4, 5-8, 9-12, College)

A Scholastic Honors Award will be presented to a skater in each grade level group who has shown a dedication to skating combined with a commitment to academic excellence during the past year (July 1, 2006 - June 1, 2007). In order to be considered for this award, a skater must submit an application form and provide the requested documentation of tests passed, as well as competitions entered and event finishes. The skater must be enrolled in an accredited school with a 3.5 minimum GPA. Skaters must submit a copy of their most recent grade report along with an essay (one page, double spaced) on how skating has impacted his or her life in a positive way. A monetary award and certificate of accomplishment will be presented to award winners. (*Home schooled students will not be considered.*)

Gerard Renaud Memorial Award (only graduating high school seniors will be considered)

The Gerard Renaud Memorial Award will be presented to the high school senior who most exemplifies Jerry's commitment to hard work and excellence through their skating and their academic performance. High school seniors enrolled in and attending an accredited school may submit their applications along with documentation of tests, competitions, a copy of their most recent grade report and an essay (one page, double spaced) on how skating has impacted his or her life in a positive way. A monetary award and certificate of accomplishment will be presented. (*Home schooled students will not be considered.*)

Coach of the Year

All skaters requesting party tickets are invited to nominate a training center coach for this award (skaters may **not** nominate their own coach, however you may encourage your peers to nominate your coach). This award will recognize one coach who has made a difference in skating and who has impacted the sport in a positive way. This is a coach who embodies professionalism and courtesy to others while teaching, at test sessions, and at competitions. Please include a 2-3 sentence recommendation explaining why you feel this individual should be coach of the year. This award will be voted on the night of the awards banquet.

PARTY TIME IS NEAR!!

The University of Delaware Figure Skating Club
is pleased to announce the

4th Annual Awards Banquet *Buffet Dinner, Awards, Dancing, and More*

Friday, March 14, 2008

6:30 -11:30 PM

**University of Delaware - Trabant
Center**

**Yes, I will be attending @ \$15.00
(Members)**

**# of Guests _____ @ \$25.00 (Non –
Members)**

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

No, I will not be attending

***Please return with payment no later than February
8, 2008***

**Awards Applications and more details are
available at UDFSC online:**

<http://www.udel.edu/udfsc>

Synchronized Team Skating

For more information regarding synchronized skating, see

www.teamdelawaresynchro.org

The University of Delaware Collegiate Synchronized Skating Team is also available to full time college students at U of D. For more information about our recruitment weekend in November or any other program inquiries, please e-mail megano@udel.edu or skatingmickey@verizon.net.

Membership

If your US mail or e-mail addresses change, please notify the UDFSC as soon as possible. This will ensure important documents as well as the newsletter; get to you in a timely manner. Also, remember to use the UDFSC web site whenever possible. Our site has links to the University of Delaware Ice Skating Training Center as well as the e-mail addresses of board members who can answer your specific questions.

Our mailing address is:

UDFSC

Fred Rust Arena

S. College Ave

Newark, DE 19716

It is important to use the entire address when corresponding with us.

Judges' School

If you are interested in attending judges' school, the UDFSC may be able to offer some financial assistance. Write to us at ud-fsc@udel.edu or call (302) 831-4686. Information on judging is available at the USFSA web site at www.usfsa.org.

Club Telephone Service

Please note that volunteers man the UDFSC club telephone answering service. We will make every attempt to retrieve your telephone calls promptly and forward your questions to the appropriate board member or training center staff. Thank you for your patience in this matter. Please send e-mail to ud-fsc@udel.edu whenever possible.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

2007 Nebelhorn Trophy
Oberstdorf, Germany

Ladies: Megan Williams-Stewart 2nd
Men: Shaun Rogers 2nd

2007 Skate America
Reading, Pennsylvania

Ladies: Kimmie Meissner 1st

UDFSC skaters Reap Regional Rewards!

2008 Atlantic Regional Championships
Results of UDFSC Members

Senior Ladies

1. Megan Williams-Stewart
5. Kristin Zinmeister
6. Kandis Kovalsky

Senior Men

2. Shaun Rogers
4. Traighe Rouse
5. Michael Solonoski

Junior Ladies

2. Rebecca Stern
3. Erika Choi Smith

Junior Men

2. Zachary DeWulf
3. Nathan Bartholomay

Novice Ladies

1. Kelsey Rowley
3. Holly Alexander
6. Rayna DeReus

Novice Men

3. Jeremy Steeger
6. Kevin Sun

Intermediate Men

1. Andrew Nagode

2008 Junior National Championships Results of UDFSC Members

Intermediate Men

6. Andrew Nagode

UDFSC skaters super at Sectional!

2008 Eastern Sectional Championships Results of UDFSC Members

Senior Ladies

2. Melissa Bulanhagui
4. Megan Williams-Stewart

Senior Men

4. Shaun Rogers
5. Traighe Rouse

Senior Dance

1. Farrell & Fishpaw

Senior Pairs

1. Plfumm & Pottenger

Junior Ladies

4. Rebecca Stern
5. Erika Choi Smith

Junior Men

2. Zachary DeWulf

Junior Dance

1. Bailey & Herring
3. Cannuscio & Copely
4. Cannuscio & Lorello

Junior Pairs

2. Byrne & Bartholomay
3. Derita & Accardi

Novice Ladies

1. Holly Alexander

Novice Dance

1. Wolf & Ainsworth

Novice Pairs

5. Rodenas & Nolan

ISU Junior Grand Prix Results 2007

Lake Placid

Dance: Bailey/Herring 7th

Pairs: Byrne/Bartholomay 9th

Romania

Men: Adam Rippon 1st

Dance: Cannuscio/Lorello 4th

Estonia

Pairs: Pflumm/Pottenger 4th

Croatia

Dance: Cannuscio/Copely 7th

Bulgaria

Men: Adam Rippon 2nd

Ladies: Melissa Bulanhagui 5th

Dance: Cannuscio/Lorello 8th

Great Britain

Pairs: Pflumm/Pottenger 7th

Dance: Cannuscio/Copely 8th

TEAM DELAWARE ROCKS A CLASSIC!

Team Delaware synchronized skating had a very successful weekend at the Colonial Classic 2008 held in Lowell, Massachusetts January 4-6 2008. All of the teams earned a medal at the event! They were very excited to start off 2008 with such a success. Here are the results:

Preliminary: 3rd place

Intermediate: 3rd place

Senior: 2nd place Short Program,
2nd place Long Program

Open Adult: 4th place

Masters: 2nd place

Adult: 1st place

The Flip Side . . . a slightly twizzled view of figure skating from a long time skating dad.

I love watching Figure Skating. However, I do find it frustrating sometimes when I flip the channel to figure skating and find that the event was one that took place a year or so ago. On the other hand figure skating is one of the few sports you can watch over and over even when you know the results. It's the beauty of the programs, most of which are only skated for one season that I find myself

watching again and again even with the knowledge of the outcome. I am an avid football fan but would never watch a game, even a great a one, a second time. But the artistry and athleticism of a great program no matter whether it's freestyle, pairs or ice dance, always lends itself to multiple viewings over time. That being said . . . with the New Year upon us, here are six ideas I have that are borrowed from other sports to jazz up figure skating.

1. Trash talking . . . when skaters take the ice for a warm up how about a little finger pointing and bravado, "I must protect this ice!" "You can't call me because my program is off the hook!" And let's have something a little spicy in interviews, "Somebody better call a plumber because my competitors are going down the drain! My ice ice ain't nice nice baby! Well, you get the idea.

2. Touchdown Dances . . . If a skater or a team has skated a great program let's get it going on in the Kiss & Cry. Let's see some high fives, chest bumps, and some get jiggy with it dancing around. "I landed my jumps, who's bad?! I'm bad! Can't touch this!" And when good scores are shown how about some pointing at the scoreboard and some strutting around.

3. End of game celebrations . . . When big football games are won the goal posts are knocked down, in basketball the winning team cuts down the nets after a championship. After a big win in skating how about carrying the judge's table to center ice and dancing on top of it until it breaks? What about dumping the competition's water bottles all over the ice. "Yeah! That's right your water is gonna freeze up just you like did! Ha!

4. More hats! As soon as a Nascar driver climbs out of his car they put a hat on his head. Football players are always wearing baseball caps or stocking hats on the sideline. How about skaters wearing their team logo, or sponsorship ads, on their hats whenever they are interviewed and when they come off the ice. There can be a designated hat person standing ready by the kiss and cry.

5. Challenges . . . figure skating coaches should have a red flag (safely encased in a plastic bag) and if they disagree with the scores they can throw it onto the ice and the referee will have to go under the hood and review the instant replay. If the challenge is lost the coach is banned from all coffee for one day.

6. Nicknames . . . Let's borrow a page from boxing and give our skaters some great nicknames. Wouldn't it be cool to hear "And now taking the ice in the blue corner "Battlin'" Ben Agosto and his partner Tanith "The Tantalizer" Belbin and how about our own World Champion entering the ice as Kimmie "The Belle from Belair" Meissner, or maybe Kimmie "The Extraordinaire from Delaware Meissner!" Do I have to say I'm just kidding? Yes of course I am . . . although the challenge idea sounds interesting . . .

By WW Herring III

Historically Speaking . . .

American Jackson Haines (1840-1875) known as the “American Skating King” was figure skating’s first international star. He was an actor, dancer, skater, and entertainer. Haines took his dance skills and applied them to the ice. However, his first trip to Europe was somewhat disappointing. The English with their Victorian attitudes viewed his style as “fancy skating” a term use derogatively to describe his pirouettes and dancing. However, after continuous touring his style began to catch the public’s attention and appreciation. Although he only lived to the age of 35 he set in motion the advance of the skating style we see today.

If you have questions concerning the newsletter please email

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SKATE GREAT IN 2008!!