

Sk8scotland

SPEED NEWS

Short Track Initiative

Great news for Scottish skating, Sport Scotland is to support a three year Scottish Short Track Development programme. The plan was prepared and presented by Archie Marshall (Sk8scotland Speed Director) and Stuart Horsepool (GB Performance Director - Short Track). The programme will focus on a club development and a Scottish Development Squad that will be part of the pathway to GB Junior and Senior squads. It will be run by Archie starting April 2012 in partnership with Sport Scotland who will bring high levels of expertise as well as financial support to the programme. The partnership with Sport Scotland is a great opportunity for our sport, one that we all must work to maximise.

Star Class

With one Star Class event remaining three Scottish skaters have qualified for the Junior Europa Cup Final – Kathryn Thomson, Shannon Scott and Murray Cochrane. The event will take place in Brasov Romania on 16-18 March.

British Championships

Scottish skaters took 4 of the 9 individual titles and 8 of the 27 medals at the British Championships in Nottingham on the first weekend in January. Congratulations to our Champions - Elise Christie, Shannon Scott, Kristofer Inglis and Ian Cavin.

Scottish 500m

The first Championship of the season will be held at Auchenharvie on the 29th of this month. Entry fee £7 payable on the day. Entries to Stuart Miller, closing date 23rd

Elise Christie

It has been a good season so far for Elise with World Cup medals and a number 2 World rank at 1000m. Next up is the European Championships in Mlada Boleslav, in the Czech Republic on 27-29 January.

G.B. Squad

Kathryn Thomson will be joining her Scottish compatriots Elise Christie and Murray Cochrane on the British Squad this June.

Fixtures

Sunday January 29th – Scottish 500m - Auchenharvie
Saturday February 18th - Scottish 1000m & 3000m - Stirling
Sunday March 11th – Scottish Ladies and Masters – Stirling
Sunday March 25th – Scottish Championships - Auchenharvie