

Sk8scotland

SPEED NEWS

Scottish 1000m

This was a great final, at Stirling, with an excellent skate from Ben MacFarlane (Dundee) to hold off Craig Miller (Ayrshire Flyers) to take his first Scottish title. Third place went to Shu Di Yang (Forth Valley)

Scottish 3000m

The top eight skaters in the Fitzroy standings contested the 3000m. 1st Craig Miller, 2nd Ben MacFarlane, 3rd Greg Ireland (Dundee). Though Craig was always in control it was another great skate from Ben who made Craig work for it.

Scottish Ladies

Kathryn Thomson became the first skater to retain this title, with Claire Pirie second and Lorna Thomson (Ayrshire Flyers), gaining her first major medal, in third place.

Scottish Masters

Forth Valley took all the medals in their home rink at this year's masters, Alan Dobbie – 1st, Brian Reid – 2nd, Billy McArthur 3rd.

Junior Europa Cup Final

This was a tremendous high quality competition, held in Brasov Romania, with the 16 best juniors in Europe fighting it out in each category. Scotland punched above its weight qualifying four of the seven British skaters in this event. Our skaters didn't skate to their full potential but never gave less than 100% effort and were a credit to clubs and country. Placings: Junior A Shannon Scott (Ayrshire Flyers) – 12th, Claire Pirie (Forth Valley) – 14th and Murray Cochrane (Dundee) – 15th, Junior B – Kathryn Thomson (Ayrshire Flyers) – 15th.

Scottish Championships

Craig Miller won his 19th Scottish title but was pushed hard by Shu Di Yang who took second with Roy Walker (Ayrshire Flyers) in third getting his first senior championship medal. The winner of the Pee Wees was Fiona Thomson who won 3 of the 4 distances, Rebecca Hull second and Aiden Walker-Stewart third, all three are Ayrshire Flyers. The Relay was won by the Forth Valley team of Alan Dobbie, Shu Di Yang, Luke Smallman and Claire Pirie. This Championship at Auchenharvie had the lowest entry in eleven years but that should not detract from a fine competition with good racing, good performances and 11pb's.

Fitzroy Smith Trophy

Kathryn Thomson and Craig Miller are winners of this season's Ladies and Men's Fitzroy Smith Trophy. Kathryn took maximum points in 4 of the 5 ladies events and Craig had maximum points in 3 of the 4 men's events.

Officials

A big thanks to our small band of volunteers, organisers and officials who have made all our events this season possible.

World Junior Championships

This event was held in Melbourne, Australia and Murray Cochrane finished a creditable 26th out of 62 skaters in what is possibly the toughest of the ISU championships.

World Championships

Elise Christie finished 10th overall in these championships in Shanghai. Penalties in the 500m & 1500m cost her dearly but she came back to take 4th in the 1000m.