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## **US Speedskating Announces Short Track World Cup Dresden Roster**

*The U.S. will be led by 2016-17 U.S. Champions and Olympians J.R. Celski and Jessica Kooreman*

**KEARNS, Utah** – US Speedskating’s Short Track World Cup Dresden roster was announced today. The fifth stop on the ISU World Cup Short Track Circuit will take place in Dresden, Germany on February 6-8 at the EnergieVerbund Arena.

The 2016-17 overall US Champions and Olympians **J.R. Celski** (Federal Way, Wash.) and **Jessica Kooreman** (Melvindale, Mich.) will lead the team of 10 skaters.

Joining Celski on the men’s side will be Fall World Cup team members, **John-Henry Krueger** (Pittsburgh, Pa.), **Keith Carroll Jr.** (Honey Brook, Pa.), **Thomas Hong** (Laurel, Md.) and **Aaron Tran** (Federal Way, Wash.). **Casey Mullarkey** (Cleveland, Ohio) will be making his first appearance on the World Cup stage.

Through the first four World Cups, Krueger was the only individual to bring home a World Cup medal for the U.S. – a bronze in the 1500m at World Cup Salt Lake. Celski, Krueger, Hong and Carroll formed the men’s relay team that captured a bronze medal at World Cup Gangneung.

Hong is coming off an impressive weekend at the World Junior Championships, where he won a silver in the 500m and a bronze in the men’s 3000m relay. He finished fourth overall and had the best U.S. male performance at the Junior Championships since Krueger won two medals and finished fourth overall in 2012.

Kooreman will be skating with fellow 2016-17 Fall World Cup Team member, **April Shin** (Rockville, Md.), while **Maame Biney** (Reston, Va.) and **Gabriella Hachem** (North Potomac, Md.) will be making their World Cup debuts.

Biney, Hachem and Shin all took part in the World Junior Championships in Innsbruck, Austria last weekend. Biney won bronze in the women’s 500m, becoming the first U.S. female to medal at Junior Championships since Erin Porter in 1996.

Qualifying sessions for World Cup Dresden will begin on Friday, February 3 and full race results can be found [here](#).

### **World Cup Dresden Roster**

#### **Women**

Maame Biney (Reston, Va.)

Gabriella Hachem (North Potomac, Md.)

Jessica Kooreman (Melvindale, Mich.)

April Shin (Rockville, Md.)

#### **Men**

Keith Carroll Jr. (Honey Brook, Pa.)

J.R. Celski (Federal Way, Wash.)

Thomas Hong (Laurel, Md.)  
John-Henry Krueger (Pittsburgh, Pa.)  
Casey Mullarkey (Cleveland, Ohio)  
Aaron Tran (Federal Way, Wash.)

For the full roster, click [here](#).

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