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US Speedskating Preps For Remaining World Championships *Heather Bergsma looks to add to her 2017 World Titles in Calgary*

With just under a month remaining in the ISU speed skating season, US Speedskating will send five skaters to the 2017 World Sprint Championships and one skater to the World Allround Championships. The World Sprint Championships will be held in Calgary, Canada from February 25-26, while the Allround Championships will be in Hamar, Norway from March 4-5.

Heather Bergsma (High Point, N.C.) will look to add to her 2017 World Titles in Calgary, as she claimed gold in the 1000m and 1500m events at the World Single Distance Championships. The two-time Olympian has finished in the top three at World Sprint Championships in the last four years, winning gold in 2013, bronze in 2014 and silver in 2015 and 2016.

Bergsma will be joined by fellow World Single Distance Championships teammates, **Mitch Whitmore** (Waukesha, Wisc.), **Jonathan Garcia** (Houston, Texas) and **Sugar Todd** (Omaha, Neb.).

Whitmore, a two-time Olympian, will be making his sixth start at World Sprints. He just missed the podium at the 2017 World Single Distance Championships with a fourth-place finish in the men's 500m. He will be looking to finish in the top-10 for the first time in his career.

Garcia will be returning to World Sprint Championships for his first time since 2015 when he finished tenth overall. The 2014 Olympian will be making his third start at World Sprints, where her best overall finish was 13th in 2015.

Todd, a 2014 Olympian, will be making her fifth straight appearance at World Sprint Championships. The Nebraska native finished 20th overall in the women's 500m at the World Single Distance Championships.

Jerica Tandiman (Kearns, Utah) will be making her first Championships appearance at the Senior level. She has taken part in five World Junior Championships from 2010-2014.

Carlijn Schoutens (Heemstede, Netherlands) will also be making her first Championships appearance, representing Team USA at the World Allround Championships in Hamar, Norway. Schoutens has skated in four World Cups over the last two seasons including World Cup Berlin this year.

Racing at World Sprints will start on February 25 at 12:30 p.m. MT. Click [here](#) to see the full schedule and results. NBC Universal HD will broadcast an hour-long highlight show on Saturday at 7 p.m. ET and Sunday at 8 p.m. ET.

World Sprint Championships Roster

Women

Heather Bergsma (High Point, N.C.)
Jerica Tandiman (Kearns, Utah)
Sugar Todd (Omaha, Neb.)

Men

Jonathan Garcia (Houston, Texas)

Mitch Whitmore (Waukesha, Wisc.)

World Allround Championships Roster**Women**

Carlijn Schoutens (Heemstede, Netherlands)

NBC Universal HD Airings:

February 25 – 7:00-8:00 p.m. ET

February 26 – 8:00-9:00 p.m. ET

*February 26 show will be re-aired on NBCSN on March 11 at 7:00 p.m. ET

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