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Olympians Headline the 2015 Short Track Desert Classic

KEARNS, Utah – Olympians **J.R. Celski** (Federal Way, Wash.), **Chris Creveling** (Kitnersville, Pa.) and **Jessica Smith** (Melvindale, Mich.) are expected to highlight the field for this weekend's Short Track Desert Classic at the Utah Olympic Oval.

The two-day event is slated for Aug. 15-16.

In addition to those three Olympians, the rest of the 2015-16 Short Track National Team is expected to compete throughout the two days: **Lexi Burkholder** (Pittsburgh, Pa.), **Adam Callister** (Salt Lake City, Utah), **Keith Carroll** (Honey Brook, Pa.), **Kimi Goetz** (Flemington, N.J.), **Shaner LeBauer** (Potomac, Md.), **Casey Mullarkey** (Cleveland, Ohio), **Ryan Pivrotto** (Ann Arbor, Mich.), **Katy Ralston** (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.), **Kristen Santos** (Fairfield, Conn.), **Aaron Tran** (Federal Way, Wash.), **Jae Jae Yoo** (Burke, Va.) and **Soo An Yoo** (Seoul, South Korea).

Other notable skaters registered for the Classic are **Jonathan Garcia** (Houston, Texas) and **Mitch Whitmore** (Waukesha, Wisc.). Both were members of the 2014 U.S. Olympic Long Track Team that competed in Sochi, Russia, and are currently on the 2015-16 US Long Track National Team.

The 2015 Short Track Desert Classic will begin on Saturday, Aug. 16 through Sunday, Aug. 17 with races commencing at 9 a.m. MT.

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