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## **US Speedskating Announces Short Track Fall World Cup Rosters**

*Team USA is headlined by Olympians Jessica Smith-Kooreman and J.R. Celski*

**KEARNS, Utah** – US Speedskating announced today its 2015-16 Short Track Fall World Cup [roster](#) following an action-packed weekend at Milwaukee’s Pettit National Ice Center. Six men and six ladies earned roster spots for the first two ISU Short Track World Cups on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 in Montreal and on Nov. 6-8 in Toronto.

“It was an impressive start of the season for the short track team,” said High Performance Director, **Guy Thibault**. “The staff at Pettit National Ice Center was able to deliver a quality meet which allowed some of our best short track skaters to show their true abilities.”

**Jessica Smith-Kooreman** (Melvindale, Mich.), a 2014 Olympian, paved the way for all racers this weekend, sweeping all four events and finishing as the leading point-getter in the first race of the American Cup series.

“Jessica [Smith-Kooreman] continued her strong leadership sweeping all of the events this weekend,” said Short Track National Team Head Coach, **Jonathon Cavar**. “With her performances and her experience, she showed us why she is the leader of the women’s team.”

On the men’s side, three-time Olympic medalist **J.R. Celski** (Federal Way, Wash.) and World Cup gold medalist **John-Henry Krueger** (Pittsburgh, PA.) each earned a pair of wins.

“We have a very complete men’s team from top to bottom, filled with experience and overall skill,” said Cavar. “They’re going to be poised and competitive on the international stage through the season.”

The US Speedskating Short Track Fall World Cup teams were selected using the American Cup 1 [results](#):

### **Men**

Keith Carroll Jr.  
J.R. Celski  
Thomas Hong  
Cole Krueger  
John-Henry Krueger  
Aaron Tran

### **Women**

Lexi Burkholder  
Kimi Goetz  
Katy Ralston  
Kristen Santos  
Jessica Smith-Kooreman  
Jerebelle Yutangco

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### **About US Speedskating**

From Pond to Podium, we are US Speedskating. We grow and nurture a sport where all ages can experience the thrill of speed and the camaraderie of the skating community. US Speedskating is responsible for the development of speed skating from grassroots to the highest elite racing programs. US Speedskating is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union as the governing body for the sport of speed skating in the United States. The Organization has won 86 Olympic medals to-date, making it one of the most successful sports in U.S. Olympic history. US Speedskating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), on [Facebook](#) and at [www.usspeedskating.org](http://www.usspeedskating.org).