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U.S. Short Track Fall World Cup Team Selected
Skaters will represent the U.S. at two ISU Fall World Cup events

KEARNS, Utah – Oct. 7, 2018. An exciting weekend of skating concluded today at the Utah Olympic Oval, with the announcement of the U.S. Short Track Speedskating Fall World Cup Team.

The ladies team consists of Maame Biney (Reston, Va.), Corinne Stoddard (Seattle, Wash.), Kristen Santos (Fairfield, Conn.), Danielle Amos (Dayton, Ohio), Elizabeth Johnson (Orange, Cali.) and Jamie Jurak (Newington, Conn.). The mens team will be Thomas Hong (Laurel, Md.), Jonathan So (Reston, Va.), Aaron Tran (Federal Way, Wash.), Adam Callister (SLC, Utah), Aaron Heo (Warrington, Penn.) and Brandon Kim (Fairfax, Va.).

The day started with the Ladies and Mens 1000m heats. Hailey Choi (Oakton, Va.), Biney and Stoddard blazed through to the quarterfinals, with Stoddard and Choi moving on to the A Final, finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. Rebecca Simmons (Averill Park, New York), won the D Final and Johnson (Orange, Cali.) finished on top of the E Final.

“I skated pretty well in the 500m and 1000m, but fell in the 1500m,” Stoddard said. “It was a very long weekend, but in the end it turned out good.”

For the Mens 1000m, Jae Jae Yoo (Burke, Va.), Tran, So, and Hong skated through the heats and quarterfinals, to advance to the semis. Hong and Tran moved into the A Final, finishing 3rd and 5th respectively. Callister won the D Final, with Ryan Pivirotto (Ann Arbor, Mich.) taking the F Final and Yoo finishing 4th in the B Final.

Team USA rocked the Mens 5000m relay, edging out the International team to finish in 1st place. The U.S. ladies skated well in the Ladies 3000m, leading the race until they fell with two laps to go, finishing in 3rd. The CAN 1 team won the Relay Mixed 2000m with USA 1 finishing in fourth place.

“Overall, I’ve been pleased with the results. They are a young team and this is a great learning experience,” said Wilma Boomstra, US Speedskating Short Track National Team Head Coach. “I think there was a lot of racing jitters but I saw a lot of good things today. We held our own, but we have a lot of work to do.”

Team USA will compete at the first two ISU World Cup events in Calgary, CAN, Nov. 2-4, and in Salt Lake City, Nov. 9-11. Complete results can be found here.