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SHORT TRACKERS GO FOR THE GOLD

The pursuit of "Olympic Gold" has long been the dream of short track speedskaters. Eight young men and women are one step closer to realizing the dream as they prepare to represent the United States in Calgary. Short Track Speedskating has been included in the Olympic program for the very first time, as a demonstration event.

The competition should prove to be intense as the top skaters from the top five teams in the world go for gold. The United States team, Tricia Stennes, Becky Mane Sanfelippo, Tara Lazlo, Amy Peterson, Patrick Moore, Andy Gabel, Brian Arseneau, and David Besteman will go head to head with teams from Canada, Japan, Holland and Italy before a standing room only crowd. This venue has been sold out for months.

The U.S. Team has been training together in Lake Placid since the beginning of January in preparation for not only the Olympics but for the World Short Track Championships. The World Championships will be held in Saint Louis, Missouri, February 9 - 11. This competition will be a preview of the upcoming Olympic event.

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"Our team is strong" says U.S. Coach Pat Maxwell. "They know the competition is going to be tough and they're ready to go all out".

Becky Mane Sanfelippo, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, brings the most world class experience to the women's team. Sanfelippo has competed in the World Short Track Championships every year since 1984. Tara Lazlo, St. Paul, Minnesota, competed in the World Championships in both 1986 and 1987. Lazlo also competed in World Cup meets (longtrack) in 1987. Amy Peterson and Tricia Stennes competed in their first World Short Track Championship in 1987, in which both skated with exceptional poise and determination.

The men's team is considered by many to be exceptionally strong. Patrick Moore, Niles, Illinois has been a World Team Member six times. David Besteman, Madison, Wisconsin has been a World Team Member in three previous championships. Brian Arseneau, Arlington Heights, Illinois competed in the World Short Track Championships in both 1986 and 1987. Andy Gabel, Northbrook, Illinois competed in his first World Championship in 1987.

The men's teams have consistently done well in the 5000 M Relay event. At the 1987 World Championships the relay was especially dramatic. With 35 laps left in the 5000 M event Brian Arseneau injured his ankle and was unable to finish. Without missing a beat

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Patrick Moore immediately took the tag from Arseneau and continued the race. In third place, the U.S. Team now had to finish the race with three skaters to the other teams' four skaters. Moore, Gabel and Besteman dug in and held on to their third place, bringing home the bronze medal.

Under the guidance of coach Pat Maxwell this 1988 Short Track Team looks forward to the exciting challenge ahead at the World Short Track Championships and Winter Olympic Games. They can be proud of their outstanding accomplishments as they forge the way for future Short Track Speedskating Olympians in the pursuit of olympic gold.

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OLYMPIC SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING TELEVISION SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 22, 1988 (Live)

Women's	500 M
Men's	1500 M
Men's	5000 M (Relay Heat)

FEBRUARY 23, 1988 (Taped Delay)

Men's	500 M
Women's	1500 M
Women's	3000 M (Relay Heat)

FEBRUARY 24, 1988 (Live)

Men's	1000 M
Women's	3000 M
Women's	3000 M (Relay Final)

FEBRUARY 25, 1988 (Live)

Women's	1000 M
Men's	3000 M
Men's	5000 M (Relay Final)



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WORLD SHORT TRACK SPEEDSKATING

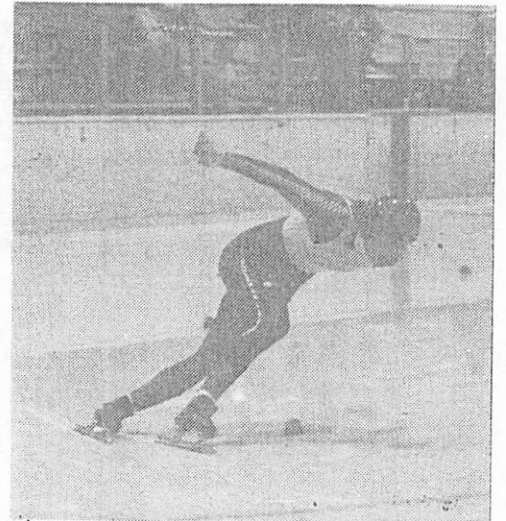
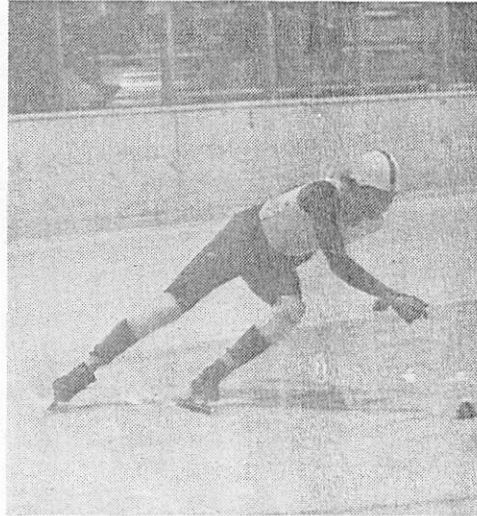
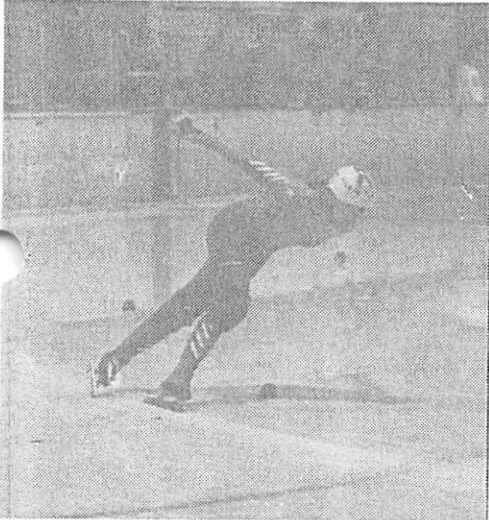
Short Track style speedskating consists of four to six skaters competing at the same time on a 111.12 meter oval track. All skaters compete in qualifying heats and semi-finals to skate in the final race where they are awarded points to determine the winners. There are no age divisions.

Distances skated for Men and Women: 500, 1000, 1500, and 3000 meters. Points scored: 1st-5 points; 2nd-3 points; 3rd-2 points; 4th-1 point.

While World competitors on an outdoor 400 meter track have been traditional and almost exclusively so in Europe, an attempt to promote World Indoor competition on a "short" track was initiated at Champaign, Illinois in 1976 under the impetus of Mr. Bill Markland of Champaign. Nine nations participated in this fledging endeavor to establish a World "Short Track" Championship.

Since then more nations have been added to the list of participants. As of 1980 the International Skating Union has officially recognized World Indoor (Short Track) Championships. The addition of short track speedskating as a demonstration event in Calgary brings it one step closer to recognition by the International Olympic Committee as an official part of the Olympic program.

SHORT TRACK
SPEED SKATING TEAM



1988

WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

CALGARY

PATRICK MAXWELL

WORLD SHORT TRACK TEAM/NATIONAL INDOOR COACH

AGE:	39
HOME:	Ballston Spa, New York
SKATING ASSOCIATION:	Northern New York
SKATING CLUB:	Saratoga Winter Club
NUMBER OF YEARS SKATING:	31
OCCUPATION:	Senior Case Worker, Saratoga County Department of Social Services

WORLD SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

1976 Placed 5th overall
1984 Coach
1987 Coach

NATIONAL/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1971 Senior Men North American Indoor Champion
1983 Senior Men National Indoor Co-Champion

PATRICK MOORE

AGE: 25
HOME: Niles, Illinois
SKATING ASSOCIATION: Amateur Skating Assoc. of Illinois
SKATING CLUB: Northbrook
NUMBER OF YEARS SKATING: 14
FAVORITE SKATING DISTANCE: 500 M

WORLD SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

1980
1982 3rd place-5000M Relay
1983 Placed 7th overall, 3rd place-500M
1984 4th place-1500M
1987 3rd place-500M Relay

NATIONAL INDOOR TEAM

Member - 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987

NATIONAL/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1979 Intermediate Men National Indoor Champion
1983 Senior Men National Indoor Co-Champion

BRIAN ARSENEAU

AGE: 23
HOME: Arlington Heights, Illinois
SKATING ASSOCIATION: Amateur Skating Assoc. of Illinois
SKATING CLUB: Northbrook
NUMBER OF YEARS SKATING: 14
FAVORITE SKATING DISTANCE: 1000 M, 3000 M

WORLD SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

1986 Placed 18th overall
1987 Placed 21st overall, 3rd place-5000M Relay

WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

1985 Placed 13th overall

NATIONAL INDOOR TEAM

Member - 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987

NATIONAL/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1985 Senior Men National Indoor Champion
1986 Senior Men National Indoor Champion
1987 Senior Men National Indoor Champion

SPECIAL INTERESTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 1986 Brian was named Illinois Skater Of The Year. He currently holds the American Records on the 111.12 M oval track in the 500M, 1000M and 1500M.

ANDY GABEL

AGE: 23
HOME: Northbrook, Illinois
SKATING ASSOCIATION: Amateur Skating Assoc. of Illinois
SKATING CLUB: Northbrook
NUMBER OF YEARS SKATING: 18
FAVORITE SKATING DISTANCE: 500 M, 1000 M
SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING: Marquette University

WORLD SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

1987 Placed 11th overall, 3rd place-5000M Relay

NATIONAL INDOOR TEAM

Member - 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987

NATIONAL/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1979 Juvenile Boys National Indoor Champion
1979 Juvenile Boys National Outdoor Champion
1979 Juvenile Boys North American Outdoor Champion
1982 Intermediate Men National Indoor Champion
1985 Senior Men National Outdoor Champion

SPECIAL INTERESTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 1979 Andy was named Illinois Skater Of The Year. In both 1982 and 1983 he was listed in the Who's Who Among High School Students. Andy is majoring in marketing finance at Marquette and is scheduled to graduate in December 1988.

DAVID BESTEMAN

AGE: 25 (as of 2/2/88)
HOME: Madison, Wisconsin
SKATING ASSOCIATION: Wisconsin
SKATING CLUB: Madison
NUMBER OF YEARS SKATING: 17
FAVORITE SKATING DISTANCE: All Distances

WORLD SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

1982 3rd place-5000M Relay
1984 3rd place-500M
1985
1987 3rd place-5000M Relay

NATIONAL INDOOR TEAM

Member - 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987

NATIONAL/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1981 Intermediate Men National Indoor Champion
1987 Senior Men National Indoor Champion

TARA LAZLO

AGE: 16
HOME: St. Paul, Minnesota
SKATING ASSOCIATION: Eastern Minnesota
SKATING CLUB: Midway
NUMBER OF YEARS SKATING: 7
FAVORITE SKATING DISTANCE: 500 M
SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING: Hill-Murray High School

WORLD SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

1986 Placed 5th overall, 3rd place-1500M, 3rd place-1000M
1987 Placed 11th overall

NATIONAL INDOOR TEAM

Member - 1985, 1986, 1987

NATIONAL /NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1984 Midget Girls National Outdoor Champion
1986 Juvenile Girls National Indoor Champion
1986 Juvenile Girls National Outdoor Champion

SPECIAL INTERESTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 1986 Tara was an alternate on the World Team (long track).
In 1987 she competed in World Cup meets in Switzerland, West Germany and Lake Placid.

BECKY MANE SANFELIPPO

AGE: 23
HOME: Milwaukee, Wisconsin
SKATING ASSOCIATION: Wisconsin
SKATING CLUB: West Allis
NUMBER OF YEARS SKATING: 20
FAVORITE SKATING DISTANCE: 500 M
OCCUPATION: Elementary School Teacher

WORLD SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

1984 Placed 13th overall
1985 Placed 11th overall
1986 Placed 9th overall
1987 Placed 19th overall

WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

1985 Champion

NATIONAL INDOOR TEAM

Member - 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987

SPECIAL INTERESTS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 1986 Becky graduated cum laude from Marquette University.

TRICIA STENNES

AGE:	15
HOME:	Roseville, Minnesota
SKATING ASSOCIATION:	Eastern Minnesota
SKATING CLUB:	Midway
NUMBER OF YEARS SKATING:	8
FAVORITE SKATING DISTANCE:	1000 M, 3000 M
SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING:	Roseville Middle School

WORLD SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

1987 Placed 15th overall

NATIONAL INDOOR TEAM

Member - 1986, 1987

NATIONAL/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1985 Midget Girls National Indoor Champion

AMY PETERSON

AGE: 16
HOME: St. Paul, Minnesota
SKATING ASSOCIATION: Eastern Minnesota
SKATING CLUB: Midway
NUMBER OF YEARS SKATING: 10
FAVORITE SKATING DISTANCE: 1000 M
SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING: Johnson High School

WORLD SHORT TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

1987 Placed 17th overall

NATIONAL INDOOR TEAM

Member - 1985, 1986, 1987

NATIONAL/NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1987 Junior Girls National Indoor Champion

SPECIAL INTERESTS/RECOGNITION

Amy not only competes in speedskating but in figure skating as well. She is currently on her third figure test and has placed second in the Minnesota State Competition.