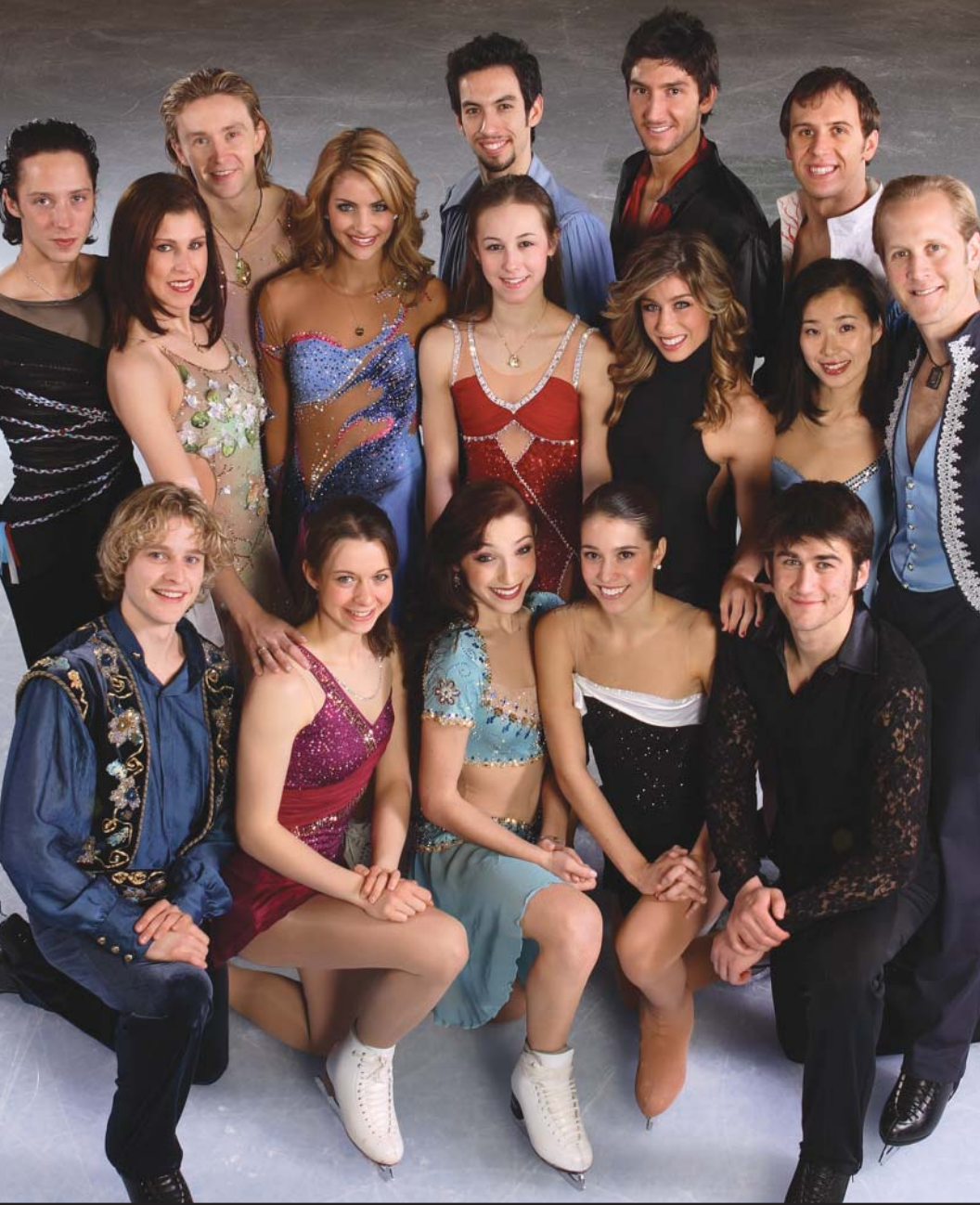


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2007 ISU WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME
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Tue., March 20	Pairs Short Program	17:10
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Wed., March 21	Men's SP Group 2	15:15
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Thu., March 22	Men's Free Skate	16:15
Fri., March 23	Ladies SP Group 1	09:15
Fri., March 23	Free Dance	13:00
Fri., March 23	Ladies SP Group 2	18:00
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Sun., March 25	Exhibition	15:00

2007 U.S. WORLD FIGURE SKATING TEAM

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Alissa Czisny	Bowling Green, Ohio	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	June 25, 1987	10
Emily Hughes	Great Neck, N.Y.	Great Neck & Bellmore, N.Y.	Jan. 26, 1989	11
Kimmie Meissner	Bel Air, Md.	Newark, Del.	Oct. 4, 1989	12
MEN				
Ryan Bradley	St. Joseph, Mo.	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Nov. 17, 1983	18
Evan Lysacek	Naperville, Ill.	El Segundo, Calif.	June 4, 1985	14
Johnny Weir	Newark, Del.	Newark, Del.	July 2, 1984	16
PAIRS				
Brooke Castile & Ben Okolski	Grosse Pte. Woods, Mich. Ann Arbor, Mich.	Canton, Mich.	May. 31, 1986 Nov. 12, 1984	19
Rena Inoue & John Baldwin	Santa Monica, Calif. Santa Monica, Calif.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Oct. 17, 1976 Oct. 18, 1973	20
ICE DANCING				
Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Chicago, Ill.	Canton, Mich.	July 11, 1984 Jan. 15, 1982	22
Meryl Davis & Charlie White	West Bloomfield, Mich. Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	Canton, Mich.	Jan. 1, 1987 Oct. 24, 1987	24
Meissa Gregory & Denis Petukhov	Northfield, Ill. Hartford, Conn.	Newington, Conn.	May 22, 1981 Oct. 6, 1978	25

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About U.S. Figure Skating

U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating as recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee and International Skating Union. The headquarters and administrative offices are in Colorado Springs, Colo. U.S. Figure Skating is charged with the development of the sport on all levels within the United States, including athletes, officials, sanctioning of events and exhibitions, and establishing the rules and guidelines by which the sport is governed.

U.S. Figure Skating Membership

U.S. Figure Skating membership has enjoyed significant growth over the past 15 years. The organization has more than 1,450 member clubs and Basic Skills programs comprised of nearly 200,000 athletes and supporters.

YEAR	REGULAR MEMBERS	BASIC SKILLS	TOTAL MEMBERS
1995-1996	57,431	70,107	127,538
2004-2005	64,443	95,024	159,467
2005-2006	64,213	132,125	196,338

* Females make up 78% of the membership.

* 65% of total membership is ages 0-12.

PROGRAMS

U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Presented by Marshalls

This program has been designed by U.S. Figure Skating as the best beginning ice skating program in the United States, serving both the recreational and competitive skater. There are more than 132,000 skaters registered in more than 875 programs across the country, marking a 41-percent membership increase from the year before.

Friends of Figure Skating

Friends of Figure Skating is a membership program designed to get fans more involved in the sport. A tiered membership structure allows members special benefits and experiences while giving back to figure skating.

State Farm Scholastic Honors Team

This program was established in 1996 to recognize high school student-athletes who have excelled in both academics and figure skating. Ten to 12 student-athletes are named to the team and must meet the minimum requirements, including a 3.2 grade point average, and all members receive a scholarship.

State Farm Team 2010 Program & Reach for the Stars

The State Farm 2010 Program began in 1997. This two-day seminar at the U.S. Championships affords approximately 85 novice-level athletes an array of learning experiences, including sports psychology, strength and conditioning, judging education and more. Reach for the Stars is a similar program for intermediate and juvenile skaters at the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships, as well as their coaches and parents.

National Skating Month

National Skating Month takes place in January each year and allows U.S. Figure Skating member clubs and Basic Skills programs to reach out to new members in their community. It is a grassroots program that offers the fundamentals of skating from professionally trained instructors at clinics and lessons in rinks across the country.

ATHLETE FUNDING

Athlete Support Fund

The U.S. Figure Skating Athlete Support (ASUPP) Fund financially supports the U.S. National Team athletes by assisting them with their skating expenses.

U.S. TEAM FUNDING		
	SINGLES	TEAM (per athlete)
Team A	\$15,000	\$11,250
Team B	\$10,000	\$7,500
Team C	\$5,000	\$3,750
Develop. Team	\$3,000	\$2,250

Bonus Money

U.S. skaters who medal at any of 11 international events receive bonus money from U.S. Figure Skating in addition to prize money earned at the event. The support is based on medal-winning performances at nine senior and two junior events. The goals of this program are to recognize and reward the achievements of U.S. athletes and to increase the pool of direct funding to U.S. figure skaters. During the 2005-2006 season more than \$300,000 was awarded to U.S. skaters through this program.

U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund

The 1961 U.S. World Figure Skating Team was on the way to the World Championships when the flight crashed and left no survivors. Two days later a memorial fund was established for the 18 athletes who lost their lives. To this day, the fund provides \$350,000 annually to qualified U.S. skaters who are in need of financial aid.

INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM

How does the international judging system differ from the 6.0 judging system?

The international judging system is based on cumulative points rather than the 6.0 standard of marks, deductions and placement. In the old system, skaters started at 6.0 and received deductions for mistakes. In the international system, skaters begin at 0 and receive cumulative points for every element they execute, depending on quality. Points are awarded for the technical evaluation of the elements combined with points awarded for five additional components that make up the program component score. There are also new officials involved in the process.

Is every event using the international judging system?

The international system is the official scoring system at all International Skating Union (ISU) events, including the World Figure Skating Championships. ISU member nations, such as the United States, are free to use the system of their choice at national events. The United States uses the system at qualifying events and the State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

What is a technical panel? What does it do?

Some people involved in scoring the international judging system are new additions to the process. Skaters are evaluated by a judging panel and a technical panel. The judging panel consists of the judges and the referee. The technical panel consists of the technical controller, technical specialist, assistant technical specialist, data operator and video replay operator.

Judges: The role of the judge at events using the new system is more specialized than in the 6.0 system. The judge is no longer responsible for identifying and marking the difficulty of technical elements. The judge is now responsible for evaluating the quality of the technical elements and the program components.

Referee: The referee is still the person in charge of the event. The referee manages the panel of judges and fulfills certain responsibilities, including conducting draws, determining deductions, and deciding protests or disputes.

Technical Specialist & Ast. Technical Specialist: These individuals are responsible for identifying each of the executed technical elements in real time and the levels of difficulty of each element according to specific criteria. They also must identify illegal elements, falls and innovative element bonuses.

Technical Controller: The technical controller supervises and confirms all decisions executed by the technical panel. This individual, as well as others on the panel, may call for reviews of certain elements during or after a perfor-

mance. The final decision is arrived at by a majority vote of the technical specialist, assistant technical specialist and technical controller after the element is reviewed. The technical controller must also confirm that all calls have been accurately entered by the data operator.

How is video review used in the international system?

The elements are available for review after a skater's performance, and base values (and levels) can be changed accordingly. Review is over, and scores are final once they are posted and announced to the public. These scores can only change if a calculation error is found.

What is the basis of a skater's final score?

In the old system, skaters received one mark for technical ability and one for presentation. These still make up the basis of a skater's score but in a more detailed and objective manner. The technical aspect is calculated by cumulative points based on what a skater executes in his or her program. This happens in real time. The presentation aspect is calculated by five program component scores added together. This happens at the conclusion of a skater's program.

How do the panels judge technical ability?

In the technical evaluation, each element (jump, spin and step sequence) of a skater's program is assigned a base value. A group of experts has pre-determined the base value of each element. These base values give the skaters credit for every element they perform.

The quality of each element is marked by the judges using a seven-mark "grade of execution" (GOE) scale: -3, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2, +3. The judges' GOE is added to the base value of the element to determine the skater's score for that element. For example, when a skater executes an element, the technical specialist identifies the element, and it is then listed on the judge's screen. The judge then grades the quality of that element.

EXAMPLE		
Skater	Performs triple Axel	
Tech. Specialist	Identifies triple Axel	
Computer	Pre-determined base value	7.5
Each Judge	Assigns GOE (based on quality)	ie: +2.0
Trimmed Mean	Drops top and bottom judges' GOEs, averages the rest	ie: +1.6
Calculation	Element score	9.1

Since a triple Axel's base value is 7.5, a skater has the potential to earn 10.5 points for that jump, or as little as 4.5. The sum of all performed elements, together with their grades of execution, forms the technical score.

INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM

How does the judging panel evaluate the artistry, or presentation, of a skater?

Skaters are evaluated on five different program components. The judges award points on a scale from 0.25 to 10.00, with increments of 0.25 for each program component to express the overall presentation. The following five components are scored for all disciplines and events except the compulsory dance:

- Skating Skills
- Transitions/Linking Footwork & Movement
- Performance/Execution
- Composition/Choreography
- Interpretation

In ice dancing, the compulsory dance(s) are scored on only four program components: skating skills, performance/execution and interpretation (see above), as well as a unique component: timing.

How are the scores calculated?

The technical elements score (TES) is calculated the following way:

1. Each technical element has a pre-determined base point value.
2. Each judge assigns a GOE for each element from a seven-point scale: -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3.
3. Among the judges, the highest and lowest GOE is dropped.
4. The remaining GOEs are averaged. This is called the "trimmed mean."
5. The trimmed mean GOE is added to the base value.
6. All technical element scores are added.
7. Bonus points and deductions are taken.

The program component score (PCS) is calculated the following way:

1. Each judge assigns a mark to each of the five program components on a scale of 0.25-10.00, using 0.25 increments.
2. Among the judges, the highest and lowest score for each program component is dropped.

3. The remaining scores are averaged. This is called the "trimmed mean."
4. The trimmed mean scores of the five program components are added.
5. The sum of the components is multiplied by the appropriate factor. The program components are factored to make the "perfect" PCS even with the "perfect" TES, thus granting equal importance to each.

(Since the perfect PCS score is 50, this number is factored to roughly equal what each discipline is capable of scoring in the technical score. For example, in the ladies short program, women are capable of achieving a technical score of approximately 40. To balance this out evenly, the PCS is factored by 0.8, lowering the total PCS from 50 to 40).

The total score is calculated the following way:

1. Technical Elements Score (TES) + Program Component Score (PCS) (factored) = Total Segment Score (TSS)
2. The sum of all total segment scores (for example, short program TSS + free skate TSS) is the total competition score. No segment scores are weighted; they are simply added together cumulatively to reach the competition score.
3. The skater with the highest competition score is declared the winner.

What is a good score?

Each category of each event has a different potential score, and there is no highest score. The potential scores differ according to the event and the level of the competitor. Senior men, for example, are permitted to do eight jump elements, four spin elements and two step sequences. So, in a senior man's free skate, a maximum of 14 elements are scored, then combined with the five program component scores.

To help illustrate high scores, the detailed classification for the top U.S. skaters at the 2006 World Figure Skating Championships are shown below.

TOP U.S. SCORES - 2006 WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

	NAME	SHORT PROGRAM			FREE SKATE			TOTAL
		TES	PCS	TSS	TES	PCS	TSS	
LADIES	Kimmie Meissner	32.23	27.94	60.17	69.47	60.23	129.70	*189.87
MEN	Evan Lysacek	34.07	36.25	70.32	76.97	73.00	149.97	*220.29
PAIRS	Rena Inoue & John Baldwin	34.30	26.60	60.90	67.62	54.65	122.27	183.17

*These are Meissner and Lysacek's 2006 total scores minus their qualifying segments, which will not be a part of this year's event.

	NAME	COMPULSORY DANCE			ORIGINAL DANCE			FREE DANCE			TOTAL
		TES	PCS	TSS	TES	PCS	TSS	TES	PCS	TSS	
DANCE	Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto	18.55	19.04	37.59	30.47	29.18	59.65	52.48	47.02	99.50	196.74

INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM

SCALE OF VALUES (SOV)

The scale of values (SOV) below assigns a specific base value to each technical element reflective of its difficulty. A group of experts, including experienced skaters and coaches, has determined the base values of difficulty for each element, most of which are listed below.

During a skating performance, the technical specialist identifies each technical element for the judging panel by "calling" the element the skater performs. The called element receives the base value listed

below. The judge then evaluates the *quality* of that element by giving it a grade of execution (GOE).

Listed at left are the jump elements, which include only one base value. On the right, non-jump elements are listed. These elements have four different levels (L1, L2, L3 and L4) that correlate with four different base values. The levels are determined by edges used, number of rotations, etc. A judge still must determine a GOE for whichever element and level is called.

SINGLES & PAIRS JUMPS		
ELEMENT	CODE	SOV
Double Toe Loop	2T	1.3
Double Salchow	2S	1.3
Double Loop	2Lo	1.5
Double Flip	2F	1.7
Double Lutz	2Lz	1.9
Double Axel	2A	3.3
Triple Toe Loop	3T	4.0
Triple Salchow	3S	4.5
Triple Loop	3Lo	5.0
Triple Flip	3F	5.5
Triple Lutz	3Lz	6.0
Triple Axel	3A	7.5
Quad Toe Loop	4T	9.0
Quad Salchow	4S	9.5
Quad Loop	4Lo	10.0
Quad Flip	4F	10.5
Quad Lutz	4Lz	11.0
Quad Axel	4A	13.0

PAIRS THROWS		
ELEMENTS	CODE	SOV
Double Toe Loop	2TTh	2.5
Double Salchow	2STh	2.5
Double Loop	2LoTh	3.0
Double Flip	2FTh	3.0
Double Lutz	2LzTh	3.0
Double Axel	2ATh	4.0
Triple Toe Loop	3TTh	4.5
Triple Salchow	3STh	4.5
Triple Loop	3LoTh	5.0
Triple Flip	3FTh	5.0
Triple Lutz	3LzTh	5.0
Triple Axel	3ATh	7.5
Quad Toe Loop	4TTh	8.0
Quad Salchow	4STh	8.0
Quad Loop	4LoTh	8.5
Quad Flip	4FTh	8.5
Quad Lutz	4LzTh	8.5

SINGLES & PAIRS SPINS & STEP SEQUENCES						
ELEMENT	CODE	L1	L2	L3	L4	
Upright/Layback/Camel/Sit Spin	Usp/Lsp/CSp/SS	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.4	
Any Change of Foot Spin	C+spin code	1.3	1.7	2.1	3.0	
Any Flying Spin	F+spin code	1.7	2.0	2.3	3.0	
Any Flying Change of Foot Spin	FC+spin code	1.7	2.0	2.3	3.0	
Combo Spin or Flying Combo Spin	CoSp or FCoSp	1.7	2.1	2.5	3.0	
Combo Spin w/Change of Foot	CCoSp	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	
Straight Line/Circular Step Seq.	SIS/CISt	1.8	2.3	3.1	3.4	
Serpentine/Spiral Step Seq.	SeSt/SpSt	1.8	2.3	3.1	3.4	

PAIRS LIFTS, DEATH SPIRALS, PAIRS SPINS & TWIST LIFTS						
ELEMENT	CODE	L1	L2	L3	L4	
Group 1 Lift	1Li	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.7	
Group 2 Lift	2Li	1.3	1.7	2.4	3.0	
Group 3/Group 4 Lifts	3Li/4Li	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	
Group 5 Lift	5Li	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	
Group 5, Axel Lasso Lift	5ALi	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	
Group 6 Lift	6Li	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	
Forward Inside/Backward Inside DS	FIDs/BIIDs	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.5	
Forward Outside/Backward Outside DS	FODs/BOIDs	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	
Pairs Spin	PSp	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	
Pairs Combination Spin	PCoSp	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	
Single Twist Lift	1Tw	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.9	
Double Twist Lift	2Tw	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	
Triple Twist Lift	3Tw	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	
Quad Twist Lift	4Tw	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.5	

ICE DANCING SPINS, TWIZZLES, LIFTS & STEP SEQUENCES						
ELEMENTS	CODE	L1	L2	L3	L4	
Spin	Sp	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	
Combination Spin	CoSp	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.7	
Synchronized Twizzles	STw	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.7	
Stationary Lift	StaLi	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	
Straight Line Lift/Curve Lift/Rotational Lift	SLi/CuLi/RoLi	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	
Serpentine Lift/Rev. Rotational Lift	SeLi/RRoLi	3.5	4.2	4.9	5.6	
Step Sequences: Diagonal/Midline/anti-clockwise Circular/anti-clockwise Serpentine	DiSt/MiSt/ACiSt/ASeSt	4.2	4.8	5.5	6.2	
Step Sequences: Midline Not Touching, Circular, Serpentine	NtMiSt/CCiSt/SeSt	4.5	5.3	6.2	7.0	

2007 WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLACE: Tokyo, Japan
DATES: March 20-25, 2007
WEB SITE: www.worlds2007.jp



OVERVIEW

The International Skating Union (ISU) granted the Japanese Skating Federation the right to organize the 2007 World Figure Skating Championships. It marks the third time Tokyo will host the event, after previously hosting it in 1977 and 1985. Overall, Japan has previously hosted the event four times, most recently in Nagano in 2002 and Chiba in 1994.

Based on the results of the 2006 World Championships in Calgary, Canada, the United States is eligible to send a total of 11 entries and 16 athletes to compete in the 2007 World Championships in Tokyo.

VENUES

Competition: Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium



Training: Meiji Jingu Ice Skating Rink

PRIZE MONEY & BONUS MONEY

Prior to the 1995-1996 season, the ISU approved the awarding of prize money at the World Championships, European Championships and the World Junior Championships. The following is the breakdown of the prize money for the 2007 World Championships:

ISU PRIZE MONEY		
PLACE	LADIES & MEN'S	PAIRS & ICE DANCING
1	\$45,000	\$67,500
2	\$27,000	\$40,500
3	\$18,000	\$27,000
4	\$13,000	\$19,500
5	\$10,000	\$15,000
6	\$7,000	\$10,500
7	\$6,000	\$9,000
8	\$5,000	\$7,500
9	\$3,500	\$5,250
10	\$3,000	\$4,500
11	\$2,500	\$3,750
12	\$2,000	\$3,000

The ISU unveiled a new World Standings Bonus for the 2006-2007 season. The top three skaters/teams in each discipline who earn the most World Standing points during the season will be awarded \$18,000-\$67,500.

In addition to the ISU prize money, U.S. skaters who medal at the 2007 World Championships, as well as 10 other international events, will be awarded bonus money from U.S. Figure Skating. At the World Championships skaters who medal win the following:

U.S. FIGURE SKATING BONUS MONEY		
PLACE	LADIES & MEN'S	PAIRS & ICE DANCING
1	\$35,000	\$35,000
2	\$25,000	\$25,000
3	\$15,000	\$15,000

EVENT SCHEDULE		
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Tue., March 20	Compulsory Dance	12:00-15:50
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Wed., March 21	Pairs FS	19:00-22:50
Thu., March 22	Original Dance	11:00-15:15
Thu., March 22	Men's FS	16:15-20:20
Fri., March 23	Ladies SP Group 1	9:15-12:35
Fri., March 23	Free Dance	13:00-17:10
Fri., March 23	Ladies SP Group 2	18:00-21:40
Sat., March 24	Ladies FS	17:30-21:20
Sun., March 25	Exhibition	15:00-17:45

AGE ELIGIBILITY

All competitors must be 15 years old by July 1, 2006, to be eligible for the 2007 World Championships.

COMPULSORY DANCE

The compulsory dance for the event is the Rhumba.



2007 WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

COUNTRY QUALIFICATIONS - ONE EACH

Each ISU member country that has been a full member for at least one competitive season may enter one competitor or team in each discipline at the 2007 World Championships.

ADDITIONAL COUNTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Additional entries (beyond one per country) are based on each country's results from the 2006 World Championships. These results are considered points in order to use the Points Qualification Chart below in determining additional spots. For example:

- First place = 1 point
- Seventh place = 7 points
- 15th place = 15 points

Points Qualification Chart		
Entries in the 2006 World Championships <i>(countries with 3 entries count only the top 2)</i>	2	1
Points required for 3 entries in the 2007 World Championships	3-13	1-2
Points required for 2 entries in the 2007 World Championships	14-28	3-10

Please note that competitors placing lower than 15th, those who withdraw after the initial round or those who do not qualify for the main event are awarded 16 points, regardless of placement.

For an example of this chart, examine the U.S. Team's placements at the 2006 World Championships below.

SKATER	PLACE/POINTS
LADIES	
Kimmie Meissner	1
Sasha Cohen	3
Emily Hughes	8
<i>Total Team Points</i>	$1+3 = 4$
	= 3 entries
MEN	
Evan Lysacek	3
Johnny Weir	7
Matt Savoie	11
<i>Total Team Points</i>	$3+7 = 10$
	= 3 entries
PAIRS	
Rena Inoue & John Baldwin	4
Marcy Hinzmann & Aaron Parchem	13
<i>Total Team Points</i>	$4+13 = 17$
	= 2 entries
ICE DANCING	
Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto	3
Melissa Gregory & Denis Petukhov	9
Morgan Matthews & Maxim Zavozin	16
<i>Total Team Points</i>	$3+9 = 12$
	= 3 entries



Left: Japanese skater Miki Ando is interviewed by Fuji TV. Above: Downtown Tokyo, Japan, with the Tokyo Tower in red and Mount Fuji in the background.

2006-2007 SEASON RECAP

LADIES

Reigning World champion **Kimmie Meissner** got an early jump on the season by finishing second at 2006 Skate America and landing her first triple-triple of the season. She has landed at least one triple-triple in every event in which she has since competed: Trophée Eric Bompard, the 2007 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships and the 2007 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships. Her third-place finish at Trophée Eric Bompard kept her out of the Grand Prix Final, although her total combined score from her two competitions was higher than three of the competitors ranked above her. Meissner took the extra time to prepare for the U.S. Championships in January, and it paid off. She won her first U.S. title, landing a triple-triple in both her short program and free skate. She beat out silver medalist **Emily Hughes** by less than a point in the exciting competition. Finishing third was **Alissa Cizsny**, whose rollercoaster career has been marked with incredible highs as well as disappointing performances. She burst onto the senior scene in 2005 when she won silver at Skate America and gold at Skate Canada. She returned to form this year, winning the free skate at the U.S. Championships and finishing third overall, securing her first appearance at the World Figure Skating Championships. The three ladies competed at the Four Continents Championships in February, where Meissner won the title after coming back from sixth place in the short program. Hughes finished second, and Cizsny finished a respectable fifth in her first ISU championship event.

MEN

Two-time World bronze medalist **Evan Lysacek** started his season with a second-place finish at Skate America and hasn't looked back, finishing first in his three successive events. His win at the Cup of China secured him a spot at the Grand Prix Final, but a hip injury forced him to withdraw. U.S. teammate **Johnny Weir** also qualified for the final with a second-place finish at the Cup of Russia and a third-place finish at Skate Canada, but he too had to withdraw due to a hip injury sustained in the short program. The U.S. rivals met in Spokane, Wash., for the 2007 U.S. Championships ready for a showdown. It was Lysacek's event, as he won his first U.S. title in what many consider to be one of the best free skates in U.S. Championships history. Lysacek landed his first clean quad-triple in competition, along with eight

more triples. Weir faltered in his free skate and settled for the bronze. The surprise silver medalist was **Ryan Bradley**, who last medaled at the event in 1999, when he was the U.S. junior champion. He and Lysacek moved on to compete in the Four Continents Championships. Lysacek won the gold and landed a second quad-triple combination jump. Bradley skated well in his first ISU championship event and finished fourth.

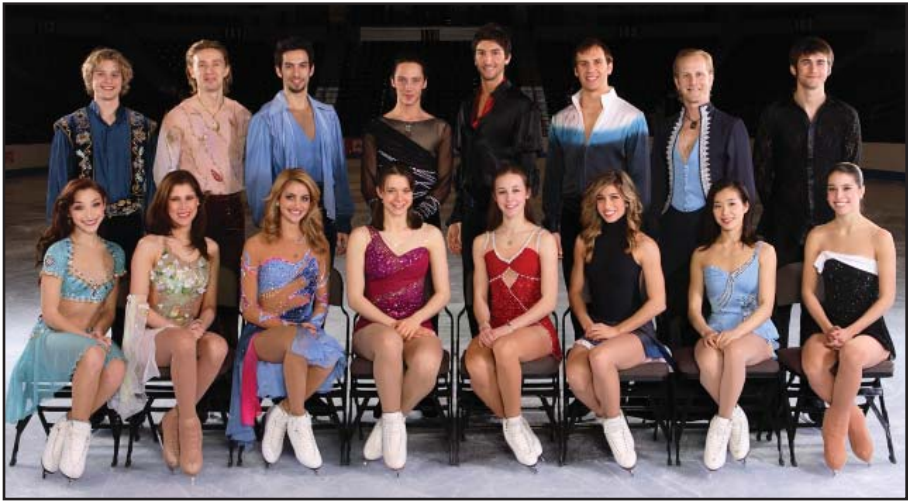
PAIRS

Rena Inoue & John Baldwin had the best Grand Prix Series of their career, collecting a gold and two silvers in their assignments and finishing fourth at the Grand Prix Final. Their trouble came at the U.S. Championships, where a few mistakes in the free skate cost them the title, and instead they settled for silver. Nabbing the top podium spot at the event were 2006 Nebelhorn Trophy champions **Brooke Castile & Ben Okolski**, who had finished eighth at the U.S. Championships in 2006. A coaching change and new training environment propelled them to their new level of success, which included a standing ovation after their near-flawless free skate. At the Four Continents Championships, Inoue & Baldwin finished third and Castile & Okolski placed fifth in their first major international event.

ICE DANCING

All three U.S. World ice dancing teams had successful Grand Prix Series, with two-time World medalists **Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto** qualifying for the Grand Prix Final after a first- and second-place finish at their assignments. They withdrew before the event due to a back injury sustained by Agosto. **Melissa Gregory & Denis Petukhov** qualified for the final for the first time, where they finished sixth. 2006 World Junior bronze medalists **Meryl Davis & Charlie White** finished fourth at both Skate Canada and the NHK Trophy in their first year on the senior level. At the NHK Trophy they also earned the distinction of being one of only a handful of teams in the world to ever earn all level 4s. At the U.S. Championships, Belbin & Agosto debuted a new free dance to the "Amelie" soundtrack and won their fourth U.S. title. Gregory & Petukhov won their fourth U.S. silver medal, and Davis & White won their first senior medal of any color, a bronze. Belbin & Agosto went on to finish second at the Four Continents Championships, while Davis & White took fourth in their first appearance at the event.

2007 U.S. WORLD FIGURE SKATING TEAM



Front row: Meryl Davis, Melissa Gregory, Tanith Belbin, Emily Hughes, Kimmie Meissner, Brooke Castile, Rena Inoue, Alissa Czisny. Back row: Charlie White, Denis Petukhov, Ben Agosto, Johnny Weir, Evan Lysacek, Ben Okolski, John Baldwin, Ryan Bradley

NAME	HOMETOWN	TRAINING TOWN	BIRTHDATE	PAGE
LADIES				
Alissa Czisny	Bowling Green, Ohio	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	June 25, 1987	10
Emily Hughes	Great Neck, N.Y.	Great Neck & Bellmore, N.Y.	Jan. 26, 1989	11
Kimmie Meissner	Bel Air, Md.	Newark, Del.	Oct. 4, 1989	12
MEN				
Ryan Bradley	St. Joseph, Mo.	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Nov. 17, 1983	18
Evan Lysacek	Naperville, Ill.	El Segundo, Calif.	June 4, 1985	14
Johnny Weir	Newark, Del.	Newark, Del.	July 2, 1984	16
PAIRS				
Brooke Castile & Ben Okolski	Grosse Pte. Woods, Mich. Ann Arbor, Mich.	Canton, Mich.	May. 31, 1986 Nov. 12, 1984	19
Rena Inoue & John Baldwin	Santa Monica, Calif. Santa Monica, Calif.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Oct. 17, 1976 Oct. 18, 1973	20
ICE DANCING				
Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Chicago, Ill.	Canton, Mich.	July 11, 1984 Jan. 15, 1982	22
Meryl Davis & Charlie White	West Bloomfield, Mich. Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	Canton, Mich.	Jan. 1, 1987 Oct. 24, 1987	24
Melissa Gregory & Denis Petukhov	Northfield, Ill. Hartford, Conn.	Newington, Conn.	May 22, 1981 Oct. 6, 1978	25

ALISSA CZISNY



Born: June 25, 1987 – Sylvania, Ohio

Height: 5'4"

Home Club: Detroit SC, Inc.

Hometown: Bowling Green, Ohio

Training Town: Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

School: Bowling Green State University

Coaches: Julianne Berlin & Elizabeth Swallow

Choreographers: David Wilson & Kurt Browning

Short Program Music: "Prelude" & "Quadukka-I-Mayas"

by Jesse Cook & the Hamzy Egyptian Strings Ensemble

Free Skate Music: Excerpts from the soundtrack from the 1954 movie *Sabrina*

COMPETITIVE HISTORY

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 State Farm U.S. Championships	3rd
2006 State Farm U.S. Championships	7th
2005 State Farm U.S. Championships	7th
2004 State Farm U.S. Championships	12th
2003 State Farm U.S. Championships	10th
2002 State Farm U.S. Championships	11th
2001 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior	2nd

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2006 World Junior Championships	6th
2005 World Junior Championships	6th

2007 Four Continents Championships	5th
2006 Cup of Russia	9th
2006 Skate Canada	4th
2007 Eastern Great Lakes Regional	1st
2005 ISU Grand Prix Final	6th
2005 Skate Canada	1st
2005 Smart Ones Skate America	2nd
2005 Campbell's Classic	5th
2005 Ondrej Nepela Memorial Trophy	2nd
2004 Marshalls World Cup	5th
2005 Midwestern Sectional	2nd

2004 Smart Ones Skate America	4th
2005 Eastern Great Lakes Regional	1st
2004 Nebelhorn Trophy	4th
2004 U.S. Collegiate Championships	1st
2004 Midwestern Sectional	2nd
2004 Eastern Great Lakes Regional	1st
2003 Junior Grand Prix (Sofia)	5th
2003 Midwestern Sectional	2nd
2002 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final	5th
2002 Junior Grand Prix (Slovakia)	2nd
2002 Junior Grand Prix (France)	2nd
2002 Gardena Trophy	1st
2002 Midwestern Sectional	2nd
2002 Eastern Great Lakes Regional	2nd
2001 Triglav Trophy-Junior	1st
2001 Midwestern Sectional-Junior	1st
2001 Eastern Great Lakes Regional-Junior	1st
2000 Midwestern Sectional-Junior	9th
2000 Eastern Great Lakes Regional-Junior	3rd
1999 Eastern Great Lakes Regional-Novice	10th
1998 Midwestern Sectional-Intermediate	5th
1998 Eastern Great Lakes Regional-Intermediate	1st
1997 Eastern Great Lakes Regional-Juvenile	4th

JUDGING SYSTEM PERSONAL BESTS

PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION			U.S. QUALIFYING COMPETITION		
	ISU SCORE	EVENT	W. RANK	U.S. SCORE	EVENT	U.S. RANK
Short Prog.	58.54	2005 Skate Canada	22	58.15	2007 U.S. Championships	6
Free Skate	109.78	2005 Skate Canada	18	119.59	2007 U.S. Championships	2
Final Score	168.32	2005 Skate Canada	16	177.74	2007 U.S. Championships	4

SKATING NOTES

Czisny began skating at 18 months when her mother started taking skating lessons.

PERSONAL NOTES

Off the ice, Czisny enjoys rock wall climbing, playing the piano, and making jewelry and other 3-D art ... Enjoys reading historical fiction, her college text requirements and her favorite: "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl" ... Currently a junior at Bowling Green State University, where she's pursuing a major in international studies, Russian and French ... Awarded 2006 "Outstanding Sophomore of the Year Award for International Studies" along with the 2006 "First-Year Russian Student Award" ... Was on the dean's list during the 2004-2005 school year ... Twin sister, Amber, also competed in figure skating on the national and international levels ... Skated in the 2005 Skate-Aid for Tsunami Relief show and 2005 Skate For Hope Show, which benefited breast cancer research.

AWARDS

- USOC SportsWoman of the Month: October 2005

EMILY HUGHES

Born: Jan. 26, 1989 – Great Neck, N.Y.

Height: 5'6"

Home Club: The SC of New York

Hometown: Great Neck, N.Y.

Training Town: Great Neck & Bellmore, N.Y.

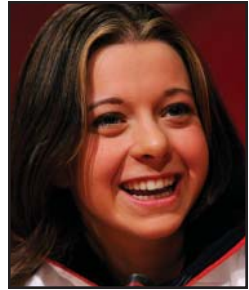
School: Great Neck North High School

Coach: Bonni Retzkin

Choreographers: Mark Mitchell & David Wilson

Short Program Music: "Carmen" by Bizet

Free Skate Music: Music from the ballet *Sylvia* by Delibes



COMPETITIVE HISTORY

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2006 State Farm U.S. Championships	3rd
2005 State Farm U.S. Championships	6th
2003 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior	11th
2002 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior	11th

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & OLYMPICS

2006 World Championships	8th
2006 Olympic Winter Games	7th
2005 World Junior Championships	3rd
2007 Four Continents Championships	2nd
2006 Cup of China	3rd
2006 Skate America	5th
2006 Campbell's Cup (Team USA Ladies)	2nd
2005 Cup of Russia	5th
2005 Smart Ones Skate America	5th

2005 Campbell's Classic	6th
2005 Marshalls U.S. Figure Skating Challenge	5th
2005 Eastern Sectional	2nd
2005 North Atlantic Regional	1st
2004 Eastern Sectional-Junior	5th
2004 North Atlantic Regional-Junior	1st
2003 Eastern Sectional-Junior	2nd
2003 North Atlantic Regional-Junior	1st
2002 Eastern Sectional-Junior	4th
2002 North Atlantic Regional-Junior	3rd
2001 Eastern Sectional-Novice	8th
2001 North Atlantic Regional-Novice	4th
2000 U.S. Junior Championships-Intermediate	10th
2000 North Atlantic Regional-Intermediate	2nd
1999 Junior Olympics-Juvenile	15th
1999 North Atlantic Regional-Juvenile	2nd
1997 North Atlantic Regional-Juvenile	6th

JUDGING SYSTEM PERSONAL BESTS

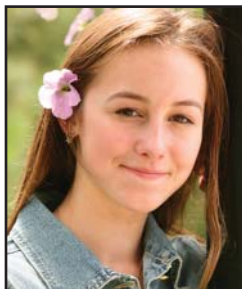
PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION			U.S. QUALIFYING COMPETITION		
	ISU SCORE	EVENT	W. RANK	U.S. SCORE	EVENT	U.S. RANK
Short Prog.	57.42	2006 Skate America	26	62.32	2007 U.S. Championships	4
Free Skate	111.26	2007 Four Continents	15	118.54	2007 U.S. Championships	3
Final Score	166.60	2007 Four Continents	19	180.86	2007 U.S. Championships	3

SKATING NOTES

Goal for the 2006-2007 season was to surpass her personal-best score, which she did ... Began skating at age 3 ... Took home her first trophy at age 4 ... Has been skating with the same coach, Bonni Retzkin, since day one.

PERSONAL NOTES

Hobbies include tennis, golf and baking ... Loves chocolate ... Will graduate from Great Neck North High School in June 2007; takes a full load of classes ... Trains four hours a day between her on- and off-ice work ... Appears and performs in as many charitable events as possible ... Auctioned a lesson to raise \$800 for survivors of Hurricane Katrina ... Other charities she supports have been Skate for Hope, the National Center for Disabilities, the Cancer Center for Kids and Friends of Fort Dupont ... Co-wrote a 2002 book about her life titled "I Am a Skater," a Random House publication that is part of the *Young Dreamers* series ... In the book she talks about her life and family with some intimate photographs by Jane Feldman ... Mother is a breast cancer survivor ... Sister, Sarah, is the 2002 Olympic gold medalist ... Says seeing Sarah win the gold helped her realize dreams can become reality ... Is one of six siblings ... Favorite TV shows are "Project Runway" and "Boston Legal" ... Favorite movie is *Slapshot*.



KIMMIE MEISSNER

Born: Oct. 4, 1989 – Towson, Md.

Height: 5'3"

Home Club: University of Delaware FSC

Hometown: Bel Air, Md.

Training town: Newark, Del.

School: Fallston High School

Coach: Pam Gregory

Choreographers: Lori Nichol & Nikoli Morozov

Short Program Music: "Snowstorm" by Sviridov

Free Skate Music: "Galicie Flamenco"

COMPETITIVE HISTORY

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2006 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2005 State Farm U.S. Championships	3rd
2004 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior	1st
2003 State Farm U.S. Championships-Novice	1st

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & OLYMPICS

2006 World Championships	1st
2006 Olympic Winter Games	6th
2005 World Junior Championships	4th
2004 World Junior Championships	2nd
2007 Four Continents Championships	1st
2006 Trophée Eric Bompard	3rd
2006 Skate America	2nd
2006 Campbell's Cup (Team USA Ladies)	2nd
2005 NHK Trophy	5th
2005 Trophée Eric Bompard	5th

2005 Campbell's Classic	2nd
2005 Marshalls U.S. Figure Skating Challenge	4th
2004 Junior Grand Prix Final	3rd
2004 Campbell's Classic	5th
2004 Junior Grand Prix (Long Beach)	2nd
2004 Junior Grand Prix (France)	2nd
2003 Junior Grand Prix Final	5th
2003 Junior Grand Prix (Slovenia)	1st
2003 Junior Grand Prix (Sofia)	2nd
2003 Triglav Trophy-Novice	3rd
2003 Eastern Sectional-Novice	1st
2003 South Atlantic Regional-Novice	2nd
2002 South Atlantic Regional-Intermediate	7th
2001 U.S. Junior Championships-Intermediate	16th
2001 South Atlantic Regional-Intermediate	3rd
2000 U.S. Junior Championships-Juvenile	16th
2000 South Atlantic Regional-Juvenile	4th

JUDGING SYSTEM PERSONAL BESTS

PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION			U.S. QUALIFYING COMPETITION		
	ISU SCORE	EVENT	W. RANK	U.S. SCORE	EVENT	U.S. RANK
Short Prog.	60.17	2006 World Championships	17	65.69	2007 U.S. Championships	1
Free Skate	129.70	2006 World Championships	4	116.01	2006 U.S. Championships	4
Final Score	189.87	2006 World Championships	6	181.68	2007 U.S. Championships	2

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2006 World champion
- 2007 U.S. champion
- 2007 Four Continents champion
- 2006 Olympic Winter Games, 6th

SKATING NOTES

Goals for the 2006-2007 season are to continue to progress and “find my style” ... Began skating at age 6 ... Her three older brothers played hockey, and one put old hockey skates on her and took her outside to try them out because her backyard froze over one winter ... Participated in the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program from 1996-1998 ... Successfully landed a triple Axel at the 2005 U.S. Championships, making her only the second U.S. lady to land the jump; the first was Tonya Harding at the 1991 U.S. Championships – Meissner was only 18 months old at the time ... Age kept her from competing in the 2005 World Championships after she finished third at the 2005 U.S. Championships ... In winning the 2006 World Championships became the seventh youngest woman in the world to do so ... Is one of only six ladies in history to have won a novice, junior and senior title at the U.S. Championships.

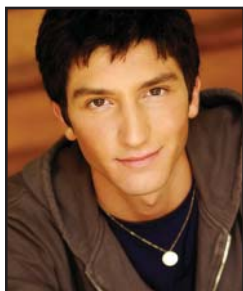
PERSONAL NOTES

Will attend the University of Delaware part-time beginning in fall 2007; hopes to major in something science related ... Supports the Cool Kids Campaign, which benefits pediatric oncology patients at Johns Hopkins and University of Maryland hospitals ... Biggest life-defining moment was when a close friend passed away from leukemia after receiving a bone marrow transplant in March 2004 ... At a Cool Kids social event with current patients she even signed one child’s head upon his request, which was bald because of cancer treatments ... Also designed a “Triumph” bracelet to help raise money for the organization and more than 15,000 have been sold ... Prepares care packages for pediatric cancer patients, which include everything from pajamas to iPods ... Went on a bobsled run while in Lake Placid, N.Y., for an exhibition ... Was the grand marshal of two Independence Day parades on July 4, 2006 ... Met her longtime hero, Lance Armstrong, at the ESPY Awards in Los Angeles, where she was nominated for “Best Breakthrough Athlete” ... Also met racing sensation Danica Patrick, tennis champions Venus and Serena Williams and NBA star Alonzo Mourning at the event ... Has a passion for life ... Hobbies include art and reading ... Taped a national TV commercial for Subway, which is fitting as she eats a turkey sub from the restaurant nearly every day ... Also has endorsement deals with Visa and Under Armour ... If she could be on a reality show, it would be “Fear Factor” ... Has everything on her iPod from the Beatles to Natasha Bedingfield ... Favorite actor is Vince Vaughn ... Favorite food is chocolate chip cookies ... Led the seventh-inning stretch at the Minnesota Twins game on Sept. 2, 2005 ... Threw out the first pitch at the Philadelphia Phillies’ 2006 home opener ... Was named the ambassador for Teen Read Week in October 2006 ... One of her favorite books is the New York Times No. 1 bestseller *Marley and Me* about a man and his dog; Meissner said “I love that book; I cried my eyes out.”

AWARDS

- USOC SportsWoman of the Month, March 2006
- 2006 SKATING magazine Readers’ Choice Skater of the Year
- 2006 ESPY nominee for “Breakthrough Athlete of the Year”





EVAN LYSACEK

Born: June 4, 1985 - Chicago, Ill.

Height: 6'1"

Home Club: DuPage FSC

Hometown: Naperville, Ill.

Training Town: El Segundo, Calif.

Coaches: Frank Carroll & Ken Congemi

Choreographer: Lori Nichol

Short Program Music: "Passion" from "The Last Temptation of Christ" by Peter Gabriel

Free Skate Music: "Carmen Suite" by Bizet & "Carmen" by Rodion Schedrin

COMPETITIVE HISTORY

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2006 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2005 State Farm U.S. Championships	3rd
2004 State Farm U.S. Championships	5th
2003 State Farm U.S. Championships	7th
2002 State Farm U.S. Championships	12th
2001 State Farm U.S. Championships	12th
2000 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior	1st
1999 State Farm U.S. Championships-Novice	1st

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & OLYMPICS

2006 World Championships	3rd
2006 Olympic Winter Games	4th
2005 World Championships	3rd
2004 World Junior Championships	2nd
2003 World Junior Championships	2nd
2001 World Junior Championships	2nd

2007 Four Continents Championships	1st
2006 Cup of China	1st
2006 Skate America	2nd
2006 Campbell's Cup (Team USA Men)	1st
2005 NHK Trophy	2nd
2005 Smart Ones Skate America	2nd
2005 Campbell's Classic	6th
2005 Marshalls U.S. Figure Skating Challenge	1st
2005 Four Continents Championships	1st
2004 Cup Of Russia	5th
2004 Marshalls World Skating Challenge	5th

2004 Four Continents Championships	3rd
2003 Junior Grand Prix Final	1st
2003 Junior Grand Prix (Croatia)	1st
2003 Junior Grand Prix (Japan)	1st
2003 Four Continents Championships	10th
2003 Midwestern Sectional	1st
2003 Upper Great Lakes Regional	1st
2002 Junior Grand Prix Final	5th
2002 Junior Grand Prix (Canada)	2nd
2002 Junior Grand Prix (France)	2nd
2002 Triglav Trophy-Junior	1st
2002 Midwestern Sectional	2nd
2000 Junior Grand Prix Final	8th
2001 Midwestern Sectional	3rd
2000 Junior Grand Prix (Norway)	2nd
2000 Junior Grand Prix (Germany)	2nd
2000 Midwestern Sectional-Novice	2nd
1999 Junior Grand Prix (Stockholm)	1st
1999 Junior Grand Prix (Montreal)	7th
1999 NACS (Toronto)-Junior	1st
1999 Midwestern Sectional-Novice	2nd
1999 Upper Great Lakes Regional-Novice	2nd
1998 Midwestern Sectional-Novice	5th
1998 Upper Great Lakes Regional-Novice	2nd
1997 NACS (Edmonton)-Novice	5th
1997 Junior Olympics-Intermediate	4th
1997 Midwestern Sectional-Intermediate	1st
1997 Upper Great Lakes Regional-Intermediate	1st
1996 Junior Olympics-Juvenile	1st
1996 Upper Great Lakes Regional-Juvenile	2nd

JUDGING SYSTEM PERSONAL BESTS

PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION			U.S. QUALIFYING COMPETITION		
	ISU SCORE	EVENT	W. RANK	U.S. SCORE	EVENT	U.S. RANK
Short Prog.	73.42	2005 World Championships	16	78.99	2007 U.S. Championships	2
Free Skate	159.23	2007 Four Continents	6	169.89	2007 U.S. Championships	1
Final Score	226.27	2007 Four Continents	8	248.88	2007 U.S. Championships	1

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-time World bronze medalist
- 2006 Olympics Winter Games, 4th
- 2007 U.S. champion
- Two-time Four Continents champion

SKATING NOTES

Lysacek's first Grand Prix win came at the 2006 Cup of China ... Injured his hip during practice while at the 2006 Grand Prix Final in St. Petersburg and had to withdraw ... Is the winningest U.S. man in Four Continents history with three medals ... Began skating at age 8 after his grandmother bought him skates ... "My grandmother aspired to be in the Ice Capades. She bought us skates for Christmas, and my mother signed my older sister and me up for group lessons. After that, I learned fast." ... He started in group lessons wanting to play hockey but began succeeding in figure skating ... He has claimed U.S. titles on the juvenile, novice and junior levels ... Overcame a left hip stress fracture in the latter half of 2004 ... Formerly coached by Viktor Kudriafsev.

PERSONAL NOTES

Graduated from Neuqua Valley High School in 2003 ... Member of his high school senior prom court ... Earned a number of academic achievement awards including the 1999 Presidential Award for Academic Excellence ... Honor roll throughout his high school career ... He has two sisters — the younger plays on a nationally ranked volleyball club ... Lysacek participated in Target - A Time For Heroes, a celebrity charity event for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation ... He also supports the Dana Farber Cancer Research Institute (Jimmy Fund) ... Most prized possessions are his truck, his favorite Rogan hoodie and an orthodox cross ... Hobbies include golf, cars, music and surfing... Has a passion for music, going out, SportsCenter and MTV ... Says he's "really chill," and he "keeps it real" ... Says most people might not know he has always wanted to be a lead singer in a rock band ... If he could be on any reality show, it would be "The Surreal Life" because they "always have crazy people on it" ... Biggest life-defining moment has been moving to L.A. and living away from home ... Interested in modeling and acting ... Would like to meet Donald Trump - wait, he already has - because of his determination and ambition ... Music on his iPod includes Bloc Party, The Format, The Thrillies, New Found Glory and David Banner ... Besides Christmas, favorite holiday is Earth Day "because planet Earth rocks" ... His biggest accomplishment outside skating has been learning to use an oven: "I am the worst cook, and my family will not allow me in the kitchen." ... Favorite celebrity is Jeremy Piven of HBO's "Entourage" ... Favorite foods are sushi and waffles.

AWARDS

- 2005 & 2006 U.S. Olympic Committee Male Figure Skater of the Year
- November 2006 USOC SportsMan of the Month





JOHNNY WEIR

Born: July 2, 1984 - Coatesville, Pa.

Height: 5'9"

Home Club: SC of New York

Hometown: Quarryville, Pa.

Training Town: Newark, Del. & Simsbury, Conn.

Coach: Priscilla Hill

Choreographer: Marina Anissina

Short Program Music: "King of Chess" by Silent Nick

Free Skate Music: "Child of Nazareth" by Maxime Rodriquez

COMPETITIVE HISTORY

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 State Farm U.S. Championships	3rd
2006 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2005 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2004 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2003 State Farm U.S. Championships	WD
2002 State Farm U.S. Championships	5th
2001 State Farm U.S. Championships	6th
2000 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior	5th
1999 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior	4th
1998 State Farm U.S. Championships-Novice	3rd

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & OLYMPICS

2006 World Championships	7th
2006 Olympic Winter Games	5th
2005 World Championships	4th
2004 World Championships	5th
2001 World Junior Championships	1st
2006 Cup of Russia	2nd
2006 Skate Canada	3rd
2006 Campbell's Cup (Team USA Men)	1st
2005 Cup of Russia	3rd
2005 Skate Canada	7th
2005 Campbell's Classic	4th
2005 Marshalls U.S. Figure Skating Challenge	2nd

2004 Cup Of Russia	2nd
2004 Trophée Eric Bompard Cachemire	1st
2004 NHK Trophy	1st
2004 Marshalls Int'l Figure Skating Challenge	3rd
2004 Eastern Sectional	1st
2003 Finlandia Trophy	2nd
2002 Hershey's Kisses Challenge (team)	1st
2002 Four Continents Championships	4th
2001 Trophée Lalique	4th
2001 Skate Canada	7th
2001 Goodwill Games	10th
2001 Eastern Championships	1st
2000 Junior Grand Prix (China)	2nd
2000 Junior Grand Prix (France)	6th
2000 Eastern Championships-Junior	1st
1999 Junior Grand Prix (Norway)	2nd
1999 Junior Grand Prix (Czech Skate)	7th
1999 Gardena Winter Trophy	6th
1999 Eastern Sectional-Junior	1st
1998 Grand Prize SNP	1st
1998 NACS (Winnipeg)-Novice	1st
1998 Eastern Sectional-Novice	1st
1998 South Atlantic Regional-Novice	1st
1997 Junior Olympics-Juvenile	4th
1997 South Atlantic Regional-Juvenile	1st

JUDGING SYSTEM PERSONAL BESTS

PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION			U.S. QUALIFYING COMPETITION		
	ISU SCORE	EVENT	W. RANK	U.S. SCORE	EVENT	U.S. RANK
Short Prog.	80.00	2006 Olympic Winter Games	6	83.28	2006 U.S. Championships	1
Free Skate	146.20	2004 NHK Trophy	9	142.06	2006 U.S. Championships	4
Final Score	220.25	2004 NHK Trophy	9	225.34	2006 U.S. Championships	2

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Three-time U.S. champion
- 2005 World Championships, 4th place
- 2006 Olympic Winter Games, 5th
- 2001 World Junior champion

SKATING NOTES

Goal for the season is to be the World champion ... Weir began skating at age 12 after watching Oksana Baiul on television ... Participated in the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program in 1996 ... Has skated with Priscilla Hill since he first took private lessons ... In his first year of skating, he made the Junior Olympics in both freestyle and pairs (with Jodi Rudden) on the juvenile level ... Was in first place following the short program of the 2003 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships but injury forced him to stop skating in the middle of the free skate and withdraw from the event ... Qualified for the 2004 Grand Prix Final but withdrew due to a sprained foot ... The same injury caused him problems during the 2005 World Championships, but he was able to compete, ending in fourth ... Qualified for the 2006 Grand Prix Final but withdrew due to a hip injury sustained in the short program.

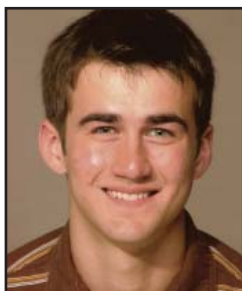
PERSONAL NOTES

Weir first tried out skating jumps on roller skates in his family's basement ... First venture onto the ice occurred one harsh winter when the cornfield behind his house froze over and he skated between the frozen corn stalks ... Hobbies are shopping, music, travel, friends and linguistics ... Most prized possession is his imperial rouble necklace from his mother ... What sets him apart from others is that he knows what he wants from life ... Says not many people know his middle name or that he likes thunderstorms ... If he could be on any reality show, it would be "The Simple Life" because "I don't like working real jobs" ... Wants to model, be a designer and live happily ... Has been in fashion shows for Heatherette ... Weir was a high school Honor Roll student ... Younger brother is a soccer player ... Says he's quirky and sees things differently than most people ... For his 21st birthday, Weir received a miniature long haired Chihuahua puppy ... The puppy, named Vanya (Russian version of Johnny), was born the day Weir performed his free skate at the 2005 World Championships ... Supports the Fur Council of America ... Would like to meet his idol Christina Aguilera ... Listens to a variety of music, including Aguilera, Justin Timberlake, Russian and French pop music, classical, rap, rock, Kelly Clarkson, Elton John, Cher and so on ... Speaks Russian ... Studies czarist history ... Motto is "To be happy, be" by Lev Tolstoy ... Was on Kathy Griffin's reality show ... Modeled for Blackbook Magazine ... Is superstitious ... Wants a daughter someday ... Says he is not a diva ... Practices Kabbalah ... Says he has fantastic fans ... Favorite foods are black caviar, strawberries and yellow tail.

AWARDS

- 2004 U.S. Olympic Committee Male Figure Skater of the Year





RYAN BRADLEY

Born: Nov. 17, 1983 – St. Joseph, Mo.

Height: 5' 11"

Home Club: Broadmoor SC

Hometown: St. Joseph, Mo.

Training Town: Colorado Springs, Colo.

School: University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

Coaches: Tom Zakrajsek & Becky Calvin

Choreographers: Catarina Lindgren & Nikoli Morozov

Short Program Music: "Polka" & "Happy Birthday

Variations" by Gidon Kremer

Free Skate Music: Perez Prado medley - " Mambo en Sax,"
" Historia de un Amor" and " El Cumbanchero"

COMPETITIVE HISTORY

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2006 State Farm U.S. Championships	8th
2004 State Farm U.S. Championships	6th
2003 State Farm U.S. Championships	9th
2002 State Farm U.S. Championships	7th
2001 State Farm U.S. Championships	9th
2000 State Farm U.S. Championships	7th
1999 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior	1st
1998 State Farm U.S. Championships-Novice	2nd
1997 State Farm U.S. Championships-Novice	7th

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2002 World Junior Championships	15th
2000 World Junior Championships	5th
1999 World Junior Championships	10th

2007 Four Continents Championships	4th
2007 Midwestern Sectional	2nd
2006 Skate America	8th
2006 U.S. Collegiate Championships	1st
2006 Midwestern Sectional	4th
2006 Southwestern Regional	1st
2005 U.S. Collegiate Championships	1st
2004 Four Continents Championships	11th
2004 Southwestern Regional	1st
2004 Four Continents Championships	11th
2004 Midwestern Sectional	1st
2003 Midwestern Sectional	2nd
2003 Southwestern Regional	1st

2002 Skate Canada	6th
2002 Vienna Cup (Karl Schaefer Memorial)	4th
2002 Southwestern Regional	2nd
2000 Junior Grand Prix Final	5th
2000 Golden Spin of Zagreb	1st
2000 Junior Grand Prix (Poland)	1st
2000 Junior Grand Prix (Mexico City)	1st
2000 Southwestern Regional	1st
1999 Junior Grand Prix Final	8th
1999 Junior Grand Prix (Stockholm)	3rd
1999 Junior Grand Prix (Montreal)	2nd
1999 Gardena Spring Trophy	1st
1999 World Junior Team Selection	2nd
1998 Hungarian Trophy-Junior	3rd
1998 Grand Prix St. Gervais	2nd
1998 Triglav Trophy-Junior	1st
1998 Midwestern Sectional-Novice	1st
1998 Southwestern Regional-Novice	1st
1997 NACS (Ottawa)-Novice	1st
1997 Midwestern Sectional-Novice	4th
1997 Southwestern Regional-Novice	3rd
1996 Midwestern Sectional-Novice	7th
1996 Southwestern Regional-Novice	3rd
1995 Junior Olympics-Intermediate	2nd
1995 Midwestern Sectional-Intermediate	3rd
1995 Southwestern Regional-Intermediate	1st
1994 Junior/Intermediate Nationals-Juvenile	10th
1994 Southwestern Regional-Juvenile	2nd
1993 Southwestern Regional-Pre-Juvenile	1st

JUDGING SYSTEM PERSONAL BESTS

PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION			U.S. QUALIFYING COMPETITION		
	ISU SCORE	EVENT	W. RANK	U.S. SCORE	EVENT	U.S. RANK
Short Prog.	68.83	2007 Four Continents	26	73.58	2007 U.S. Championships	4
Free Skate	127.46	2007 Four Continents	34	145.63	2007 U.S. Championships	3
Final Score	196.29	2007 Four Continents	27	219.21	2007 U.S. Championships	4

NOTES

Bradley accomplished his goal for the season, which was to make the U.S. World Team ... Began skating at age 2 in the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program (1985-88) ... Sister, Becky, is now a figure skating coach ... Is studying business at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs ... Coaches at the World Arena ... Likes to collect old movies on DVD ... Hobbies are video games and basketball ... Has a passion for playing paintball ... Likes to read mysteries, horror stories and biographies ... If he could meet one living celebrity, it would be Michael Jordan to learn what it takes to be an elite athlete ... His sense of humor sets him apart from others.

BROOKE CASTILE & BEN OKOLSKI

BROOKE

Born: May 31, 1986 – Detroit, Mich.

Height: 5'1"

Home Club: Arctic FSC

Hometown: Grosse Pt. Woods, Mich.

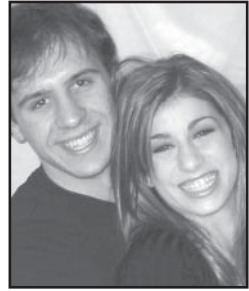
BEN

Born: Nov. 12, 1984 – Tucson, Ariz.

Height: 5'11"

Home Club: Arctic FSC

Hometown: Ann Arbor, Mich.



Training Town: Canton, Mich.

Coach: Johnny Johns

Choreographer: Marina Zoueva

Short Program Music: "Shine On You Crazy Diamond" by Pink Floyd

Free Skate Music: "Requiem For A Dream" soundtrack

COMPETITIVE HISTORY

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2006 State Farm U.S. Championships	8th
2005 State Farm U.S. Championships	7th
2004 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior	2nd
2003 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior	6th

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2004 World Junior Championships	9th
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2007 Four Continents Championships

2007 Midwestern Sectional

2006 Nebelhorn Trophy	1st
2005 Cup Of Russia	8th
2005 Trophée Eric Bompard	6th
2005 Four Continents Championships	7th
2005 Midwestern Sectional	3rd
2004 Junior Grand Prix (China)	5th
2004 Junior Grand Prix (France)	3rd
2004 Midwestern Sectional-Junior	1st
2003 Junior Grand Prix (Sofia)	4th
2003 Junior Grand Prix (Japan)	3rd
2003 Midwestern Sectional-Junior	2nd
2003 Eastern Great Lakes Regional-Junior	2nd
2002 Junior Grand Prix (Arizona)	6th

JUDGING SYSTEM PERSONAL BESTS

PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION			U.S. QUALIFYING COMPETITION		
	ISU SCORE	EVENT	W. RANK	U.S. SCORE	EVENT	U.S. RANK
Short Prog.	55.12	2007 Four Continents	23	59.77	2007 U.S. Championships	5
Free Skate	104.92	2007 Four Continents	17	118.63	2007 U.S. Championships	2
Final Score	160.04	2007 Four Continents	18	178.40	2007 U.S. Championships	2

SKATING NOTES

Accomplished their season goals, which were to medal at the 2007 U.S. Championships and show consistency throughout the season ... Castile began skating at age 7 because her grandmother signed her up for lessons as a birthday present ... Okolski started to skate at age 8 ... Participated in the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills program ... Skated with his sister, Colleen, from 1998-2002.

PERSONAL NOTES

Castile has a passion for fashion, photography, music and art ... Favorite celebrity is artist Andy Warhol ... Her most prized possession is her family ... Would like to have a career as a fashion designer ... Says, "I am most grateful for my relationship with Ben, to have him as my partner and to have experienced everything we have been through together" ... Listens to the Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, Wilco, the Talking Heads, Martin Sexton and Jimi Hendrix, among others ... Biggest life-defining moment was deciding to skate pairs in 2003 ... Father is an arts professor at the University of Michigan ... Graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2004 ... Designs her own costumes ... Favorite food is Honey Bunches of Oats with Real Strawberries ... Would like to eventually go to art/design school.

Okolski lists his music collection as his most prized possession ... Hobbies playing sports like golf, volleyball, Frisbee, snowboarding, basketball and biking, and playing instruments like the guitar, drums and harmonica ... Has a passion for music and competition of any kind ... Supports The One campaign because "I feel that extreme poverty is a problem that can be reasonably overcome in the near future with peoples' support." ... Wants to go to college after his skating career ... Motto is "Enjoy the present." ... Describes himself as relaxed, focused and fun ... Favorite movie is *American History X* ... Favorite book is *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss.

RENA INOUE & JOHN BALDWIN



RENA

Born: Oct. 17, 1976 – Nishinomiya, Japan
Height: 4'11"
Home Club: All Year FSC
Hometown: Santa Monica, Calif.

JOHN

Born: Oct. 18, 1973 – Dallas, Texas
Height: 5'9"
Home Club: All Year FSC
Hometown: Santa Monica, Calif.

Training Town: Artesia, Calif.

Coach: Peter Oppegard

Choreographer: Peter Oppegard

Short Program Music: "Soul of Spain"

Free Skate Music: Selections by G. Puccini

COMPETITIVE HISTORY

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2006 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2005 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2004 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2003 State Farm U.S. Championships	3rd
2002 State Farm U.S. Championships	4th

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & OLYMPICS

2006 World Championships	4th
2006 Olympic Winter Games	7th
2005 World Championships	11th
2004 World Championships	10th
2003 World Championships	10th
2007 Four Continents Championships	3rd
2006 Grand Prix Final	4th
2006 Trophée Eric Bompard	2nd
2006 Skate Canada	2nd

2006 Skate America	1st
2006 Campbell's Cup (Team USA pairs/dance)	2nd
2006 Four Continents Championships	1st
2005 Trophée Eric Bompard	4th
2005 Smart Ones Skate America	2nd
2004 Grand Prix Final	6th
2004 NHK Trophy	4th
2004 Smart Ones Skate America	3rd
2004 Four Continents Championships	4th
2003 NHK Trophy	4th
2003 Cup of China	5th
2003 Four Continents Championships	WD
2003 Southwest Pacific Regional	1st
2002 Cup of Russia	5th
2002 Bofrost Cup on Ice	5th
2002 Four Continents Championships	7th
2002 Southwest Pacific Regional	1st
2001 Pacific Coast Sectional	3rd

JUDGING SYSTEM PERSONAL BESTS

PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION			U.S. QUALIFYING COMPETITION		
	ISU SCORE	EVENT	W. RANK	U.S. SCORE	EVENT	U.S. RANK
Short Prog.	61.73	2007 Four Continents	11	62.73	2007 U.S. Championships	1
Free Skate	122.27	2006 World Championships	7	125.57	2006 U.S. Championships	1
Final Score	183.17	2006 World Championships	7	181.05	2006 U.S. Championships	1

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Two-time U.S. champions
- 2006 World Championships, 4th
- 2006 Olympic Winter Games, 7th
- 2006 Four Continents champion

SKATING NOTES

Goals are to stay healthy, keep pushing the sport forward and to make history by landing the first throw quad in competition ... Inoue is a three-time Olympian; in her first two Olympic Winter Games she competed for Japan in singles and pairs ... She previously competed in pairs with Tomoaki Koyama from 1987-1992 ... She began skating at age 4 when her doctor suggested it might help her asthma ... Baldwin is a veteran of the U.S. Championships dating back to 1986 as a novice competitor ... He claimed the U.S. novice title in 1987... He started to skate at age 1 because his parents were coaches... His father missed qualifying for the 1972 Olympic Winter Games by one spot ... Baldwin's initial call to ask Inoue for a try-out was made from a friend's party ... The new team barely spoke to each other in its first few months of training ... Inoue and Baldwin were previously coached by Jill Watson (five seasons) ... Landed the first throw triple Axel by any team in history at the 2006 U.S. Championships ... Also the first team to land the throw triple Axel at the Olympic Winter Games (2006) and World Championships (2006).

PERSONAL NOTES

The pair is a couple on and off of the ice ... In June 2006 the pair attended a state dinner at the White House to honor Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, with guests including President Bush, First Lady Laura Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, cabinet members, senators and representatives ... Sang karaoke with NBC Today Show's Katie Couric at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games ... In spring 2004 donated proceeds they earned while touring with the Champions on Ice tour to the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund ... The Memorial Fund provides qualified U.S. Figure Skating athletes who are in need of financial aid with monetary assistance to pursue their goals both on and off the ice ... Both Inoue and Baldwin received aid from the program in the past ... Appeared in a skating exhibition at the 2004 HBO All Star Family Sport Jam fundraiser for Children's Hospital Los Angeles ... Performed a star lift while walking into the Opening Ceremonies at the Olympic Winter Games ... Shopped at IKEA to decorate their room in the Olympic Village ... After competing, went to Venice for Valentine's Day 2006.

In 1996, Inoue moved to the United States to train at the urging of her father, who was undergoing treatment for lung cancer caused by second hand smoke ... He passed away in February 1997 at 45 ... In November 1998, at 19, Rena too was diagnosed with lung cancer: a malignant one-centimeter tumor; she underwent outpatient treatment and chemotherapy at the UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles ... She told no one what she was going through because she didn't want special treatment ... In six months she was cancer-free ... Returned to the ice in November 1999 and met Baldwin in December ... Is a 1999 graduate of Waseda University in Tokyo with a degree in education ... Has one cat, Madonna ... Has quite the sweet tooth ... Would love to meet Jack Black because she enjoys his humor ... Enjoys reading, going to restaurants, jogging, beach cruising, sailing, sewing and gardening ... Has a passion for reading and researching good restaurants ... Likes Snoopy and Tweety ... Says she talks a lot once someone gets to know her ... Describes herself as short, shy and a cat lover ... Became a U.S. citizen in August 2005 ... After her skating career, would like to drive across the country.

Baldwin enjoys sailing, eating out, electronics, RVing, tennis, poker and contracting ... Was voted the captain of the 2006 U.S. Olympic Figure Skating Team ... Most prized possession is his 41-foot RV ... Went to Miramar College in San Diego from 1992-1994 ... Father was a former national champion in pairs and singles ... Younger brother (Don) and sister (Donna) are former members of the national team ... Has a passion for building things, the ocean and cooking ... After skating would like to be a landscape architect ... Motto is "Live for today." ... Is an avid outdoorsman but can't stand the cold ... Works as a part-time auto wholesaler ... Started his own fishing and boat rental service in San Diego in 1997 ... Before teaming up with Inoue, he was a day trader, starting work at 5 a.m. ... Describes himself as competent, determined and organized ... After his skating career, would like to sing in nightclubs with a small band and RV across the country with Inoue ... Favorite TV show is "Seinfeld" ... Enjoys playing poker and architecture.



ICE DANCING

TANITH BELBIN & BEN AGOSTO



TANITH

Born: July 11, 1984 – Kingston, Ont., Can.
Height: 5'6"
Home Club: Arctic FSC
Hometown: Northland, Mich.

BEN

Born: Jan. 15, 1982 – Chicago, Ill.
Height: 5'10"
Home Club: Arctic FSC
Hometown: Chicago, Ill.

Training Town: Canton, Mich.

Coaches: Igor Shpilband & Marina Zoueva

Choreographer: Igor Shpilband

Original Dance Music: "Concierto Para Quinteto" by Astor Piazzolla, played by Gidon Kremer

Free Dance Music: Overture from "Amelie" soundtrack

COMPETITIVE HISTORY

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2006 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2005 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2004 State Farm U.S. Championships	1st
2003 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2002 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2001 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2000 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior	1st

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & OLYMPICS

2006 World Championships	3rd
2006 Olympic Winter Games	2nd
2005 World Championships	2nd
2004 World Championships	5th
2003 World Championships	7th
2002 World Championships	13th
2002 World Junior Championships	1st
2001 World Championships	17th
2001 World Junior Championships	2nd
2000 World Junior Championships	3rd

2007 Four Continents Championships	2nd
2006 Cup of Russia	1st
2006 Cup of China	1st
2006 Campbell's Cup (Team USA pairs/dance)	2nd

2006 Four Continents Championships	1st
2005 Smart Ones Skate America	1st
2005 Nebelhorn Trophy	1st
2005 Four Continents Championships	1st
2004 Grand Prix Final	2nd
2004 Cup of China	1st
2004 Skate America	1st
2004 Four Continents Championships	1st
2003 Grand Prix Final	3rd
2003 Cup of China	2nd
2003 Trophée Lalique	4th
2003 Smart Ones Skate America	1st
2003 Four Continents Championships	2nd
2002 Trophée Lalique	3rd
2002 Smart Ones Skate America	3rd
2002 Four Continents Championships	2nd
2001 Trophée Lalique	6th
2001 Smart Ones Skate America	5th
2001 Goodwill Games	5th
2000 Junior Grand Prix Final	1st
2000 Junior Grand Prix (Germany)	1st
2000 Junior Grand Prix (Mexico)	1st
1999 Junior Grand Prix Final	4th
1999 Junior Grand Prix (Montreal)	1st
1999 Junior Grand Prix (Nagano)	2nd

JUDGING SYSTEM PERSONAL BESTS

PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION			U.S. QUALIFYING COMPETITION		
	ISU SCORE	EVENT	W. RANK	U.S. SCORE	EVENT	U.S. RANK
CD	44.00	2005 Four Continents	2	41.48	2006 U.S. Championships	1
OD	67.54	2005 World Championships	2	66.32	2006 U.S. Championships	1
FD	111.54	2005 World Championships	2	107.49	2006 U.S. Championships	1
Final Score	221.26	2005 World Championships	2	215.29	2006 U.S. Championships	1

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 2006 Olympic silver medalists
- Two-time World medalists
- Four-time U.S. champions
- Three-time Four Continents champions

SKATING NOTES

Goal for the 2006-2007 season is to win the World Championships Belbin began to skate at age 2 because her mother, Michele, is a figure skating coach and costume designer ... Was previously coached by Paul Wirtz in Canada (1995-1998) ... Had five dance partners before teaming with Agosto ... Agosto was formerly coached by two-time U.S. ice dancing champion and current ABC broadcaster Susie Wynne ... Their second-place finish at the 2005 World Championships made the duo the highest-placing U.S. ice dancing team in 30 years and the first U.S. dance team to medal at the competition in 20 years ... They were awarded perfect 6.0s for presentation in the free dance at the 2005 U.S. Championships ... Overall at the event they were awarded 14 6.0s, placing them third in the record books for 6.0s at the event ... With their silver at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games, they became the highest-placing U.S. dance team in history and first Olympic medalists in 30 years.

PERSONAL NOTES

Belbin and Agosto headlined the spring 2006 Marshalls SkateFest in Detroit ... Were featured in a two-page spread for Marshalls in the March 10, 2006, issue of "US Weekly" magazine ... Star in an Acuvue Oasys commercial for contact lenses ... Team was singled out in a speech made by President Bush on May 17, 2006, during the Olympians White House visit ... Belbin, originally from Canada, moved to the U.S. from Kirkland, Quebec, in 1998 ... Applied for a visa for "Allens of Extraordinary Ability" (EB-1) in 2000 after creating an impressive profile of figure skating results with Agosto ... Got her Green Card two years later ... In 2002 Congress changed the rules to allow EB-1s to apply for their visas and Green Cards at the same time, shortening the time frame one waits for U.S. citizenship ... Because Belbin began her process before 2002, the new rules did not apply to her ... Senator Carl Levin (D-Mich.) introduced an amendment to an appropriations bill in the fall of 2005 to aid individuals in Belbin's position who applied for EB-1s before 2002 ... The amendment passed through Congress on Dec. 22, 2005 ... Belbin received her U.S. citizenship on Dec. 31, 2005 ... In February 2005, Belbin and Agosto organized and skated in Skate Aid for Tsunami Relief, an ice skating show to benefit the tsunami relief fund for Southeast Asia, and raised \$40,000.

One of Belbin's hobbies is auto-crossing (car racing) ... Values her family above all ... Most prized possession is her American passport ... Is signed with Ford NY Modeling Agency ... Biggest life-defining moment was the passing of her grandfather ... Works as a correspondent for ABC's "Good Morning America" ... Wants to pursue a career in broadcast journalism after her skating career, with hopes of hosting a sports/fashion/entertainment show ... What sets her apart from others is her sense of humor, and she says most people don't know she's "just one of the guys" ... Has two dogs named Zigen and Maggie, and two cats named Spanky and Sierra ... Loves to perform ... Favorite movie is *Pulp Fiction* ... Is a car enthusiast ... Loves breakfast food and chocolate milk ... Favorite book is *The Tao of Pooh* ... Has one older brother, Lucas ... Mother designs her skating dresses ... Describes herself as ambitious, compassionate and stubborn ... Would like to meet Britney Spears to suggest better ways to spend her money and help those in need.

Agosto is originally from Chicago, Ill. ... Moved to Detroit in June 1998 to skate with Belbin ... Graduated with honors from Groves High School in June 2000 ... Hobbies include playing the guitar (including blues and Flamenco), scuba diving, horseback riding, rock climbing and mountain biking ... Also loves to go salsa dancing ... First concert ever was the Chicago Symphony Orchestra ... Best Halloween costume was as The X-Men's Wolverine ... Recently got his first voice gig, recording the voice of a villain in an upcoming video game; has always wanted to be the goofy voice of some cartoon character ... Loves apple cider and Super Mario Brothers.



AWARDS

- 2005 SKATING magazine Readers' Choice Award for skater(s) of the year
- 2004, 2005 & 2006 U.S. Olympic Committee Figure Skating Team of the Year
- USOC Team of the Month: January 2006, February 2006



MERYL DAVIS & CHARLIE WHITE

MERYL

Born: Jan. 1, 1987 – Royal Oak, Mich.
Height: 5'2"
Home Club: Arctic FSC
Hometown: West Bloomfield, Mich.
School: University of Michigan

CHARLIE

Born: Oct. 24, 1987 – Royal Oak, Mich.
Height: 5'9"
Home Club: Detroit SC
Hometown: Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
School: University of Michigan

Training Town: Canton, Mich.

Coaches: Igor Shpilband & Marina Zoueva

Choreographers: Igor Shpilband & Marina Zoueva

Original Dance Music: "A Los Amigos" by Astor Piazzolla

Free Dance Music: Borodin's "Prince Igor Polovtsian Dances"

COMPETITIVE HISTORY

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 State Farm U.S. Championships 3rd
 2006 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior 1st
 2004 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior 2nd
 2003 State Farm U.S. Championships-Junior 7th
 2002 State Farm U.S. Championships-Novice 2nd
 2001 State Farm U.S. Championships-Novice 6th
 2000 State Farm U.S. Championships-Novice 6th

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2006 World Junior Championships 3rd
 2004 World Junior Championships 13th
 2007 Four Continents Championships 4th
 2006 NHK Trophy 4th
 2006 Skate Canada 4th
 2005 Junior Grand Prix Final 2nd
 2005 Junior Grand Prix (Bulgaria) 1st
 2005 Junior Grand Prix (Andorra) 2nd

2004 Junior Grand Prix (Romania) 3rd
 2004 Junior Grand Prix (Belgrade) 3rd
 2004 Midwestern Sectional-Junior 1st
 2003 Junior Grand Prix (Japan) 4th
 2003 Junior Grand Prix (Czech Republic) 4th
 2002 Junior Grand Prix (Germany) 8th
 2002 Junior Grand Prix (Yugoslavia) 6th
 2002 Hellmut Cup Memorial-Novice 1st
 2001 Midwestern Sectional-Novice 1st
 2000 Midwestern Sectional-Novice 2nd
 2000 Eastern Great Lakes Regional-Novice 1st
 1999 Midwestern Sectional-Novice 3rd
 1999 Eastern Great Lakes Regional-Novice 3rd
 1999 Junior Olympics-Intermediate 1st
 1998 Midwestern Sectional-Intermediate 1st
 1998 Eastern Great Lakes Regional - Intermediate 1st
 1998 Junior Olympics-Juvenile 2nd
 1997 Eastern Great Lakes Regional-Juvenile 1st

JUDGING SYSTEM PERSONAL BESTS

PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION			U.S. QUALIFYING COMPETITION		
	ISU SCORE	EVENT	W. RANK	U.S. SCORE	EVENT	U.S. RANK
CD	34.40	2004 JGP (Romania)	26	36.18	2007 U.S. Championships	2
OD	55.34	2005 JGP (Andorra)	16	54.72	2007 U.S. Championships	4
FD	91.35	2007 Four Continents	17	93.21	2007 U.S. Championships	3
Final Score	179.69	2007 Four Continents	18	184.11	2007 U.S. Championships	3

SKATING NOTES

Goal was to perform well at the U.S. Championships ... Team was formerly coached by Seth Chafetz (1997-2005) ... Are now entering their ninth season as a team ... Davis started skating at age 5 on a lake near her house ... Started in the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program ... White started skating at age 4 with his family ... Participated in the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program.

PERSONAL NOTES

Davis graduated from Wylie E. Groves High School in 2005 ... Received Phi Beta Kappa award at graduation ... National Honor Society member ... Attends the University of Michigan, where she expects to graduate in 2010 with a degree in cultural anthropology... Lives in the dorms ... Is passionate about education and travel ... After skating would like to further pursue her education and career ... Loves chai tea ... Younger brother, Clayton, is an active snowboarder.

White attends the University of Michigan, where he lives in the dorms ... Volunteers at the Macomb Humane Society, because he loves animals ... Is the youngest of five siblings ... Recipient of the Oakland University Talented Scholar Award ... Donates time and money to the Special Olympics ... Most prized possession is his Ford Escape ... Enjoys computers, reading, playing violin, basketball and hockey ... Ice hockey team won the state championship ... Says not many people know he enjoys long walks on the beach and spaghetti dinners ... Wants to become a lawyer ... Would like to meet Jon Stewart, his hero.

MELISSA GREGORY & DENIS PETUKHOV

MELISSA

Born: May 22, 1981 – Highland Park, Ill.

Height: 5'5"

Home Club: SC of New York

Hometown: Chicago, Ill.

DENIS

Born: Oct. 6, 1978 – Kirov, Russia

Height: 5'10"

Home Club: SC of New York

Hometown: Hartford, Conn.



Training Town: Newark, Del.

Coaches: Natalia Linichuk & Gennadi Karpanosov

Choreographer: Patti Wilcox

Original Dance Music: "La Cumparsita" and "Tanguera"

Free Dance Music: "Adam and Eve" by Yoav Goren
("Preliator" and "Sarabande")

COMPETITIVE HISTORY

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

2007 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2006 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2005 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2004 State Farm U.S. Championships	2nd
2003 State Farm U.S. Championships	3rd
2002 State Farm U.S. Championships	3rd

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & OLYMPICS

2006 World Championships	9th
2006 Olympic Winter Games	14th
2005 World Championships	11th
2004 World Championships	12th
2006 Grand Prix Final	6th
2006 NHK Trophy	3rd

2006 Skate America	2nd
2006 Campbell's Cup (Team USA pairs/dance)	2nd
2005 Cup of Russia	4th
2005 Skate Canada	3rd
2005 Four Continents Championships	2nd
2004 Trophée Eric Bompard Cachemire	4th
2004 NHK Trophy	4th
2004 Four Continents Championships	4th
2003 Cup of China	4th
2003 Smart Ones Skate America	5th
2003 Four Continents Championships	6th
2002 Skate Canada	8th
2002 Smart Ones Skate America	5th
2002 Nebelhorn Trophy	2nd
2002 Midwestern Sectional	1st

JUDGING SYSTEM PERSONAL BESTS

PROGRAM	INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION			U.S. QUALIFYING COMPETITION		
	ISU SCORE	EVENT	W. RANK	U.S. SCORE	EVENT	U.S. RANK
CD	38.02	2005 Four Continents	14	35.69	2006 U.S. Championships	3
OD	55.61	2006 Skate America	14	58.44	2006 U.S. Championships	2
FD	92.74	2003 Skate America	15	96.54	2007 U.S. Championships	2
Final Score	183.97	2005 Four Continents	14	187.64	2007 U.S. Championships	2

SKATING NOTES

Goals for the 2006-2007 season are to qualify for the Grand Prix Final (which they accomplished), improve their placement at the 2007 World Championships and to skate differently with a new style ... Team was previously coached by Nikolai Morozov and Shae Lynn Bourne, and Sandy Hess and Oleg Epstein ... Gregory and former partner James Shuford were the 1998 U.S. junior dance champions and finished 10th at the 1998 World Junior Championships ... She began skating at age 7 because she wanted to wear a costume at her local rink's ice show ... He began skating at age 8 because he was selected at school ... Petukhov previously competed for Russia with Oksana Potdykova, claiming a silver medal at the 1997 World Junior Championships and a bronze in 1998.

PERSONAL NOTES

Gregory and Petukhov met through e-mails as both were looking for a new partner ... Petukhov traveled from Russia for the tryout and never used the return airline ticket ... Off the ice, they developed a relationship, with Petukhov proposing to Gregory during Christmas of 2000 ... The couple was married Feb. 2, 2001, the same day as Petukhov's grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary and the same month as Gregory's grandparents' 50th anniversary ... Active with The Right To Play, which helps underprivileged kids have the opportunity to play sports.

Gregory's hobbies are cooking, shopping, swimming and traveling ... Collects purses and hats ... Biggest life-defining moment was the Opening Ceremonies of the Olympics ... Loves old-time movies, snorkeling, skiing, jet-skiing, fishing and windsurfing ... Has a passion for everything involved in fashion: makeup, shoes and clothes.

Petukhov received his U.S. citizenship in February 2005 ... Graduated from the Russian Academy of Physical Culture in 2004 ... Likes to collect cars and hats ... Hobbies are fishing, soccer and all other sports ... Loves the beauty, design, technology, gadgets and speed of cars ... Wants to meet Arnold Schwarzenegger because he was an athlete, movie star and now a politician ... Biggest life-defining moment was his wedding.

COACH

ATHLETE(S)



Julianne Berlin

Berlin coaches Czisny in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She has been a coach in the Detroit area for more than 20 years. She has had national and international medalists, including Czisny and Czisny's twin sister, Amber. Berlin has a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and is a gold medalist in figures and freestyle.

Alissa Czisny



Becky Calvin

Calvin coaches with Tom Zakrajsek out of the Broadmoor Skating Club in Colorado Springs, Colo. Her students include Bradley, 2007 U.S. fourth-place finisher Jeremy Abbott and 2007 U.S. fifth-place finisher Rachael Flatt. In addition, Calvin and Zakrajsek have a large crop of talented junior-level skaters, including 2007 World Junior fourth-place finisher Brandon Mroz.

Ryan Bradley



Frank Carroll

Carroll's famed career has seen him coach 1980 Olympic silver medalist Linda Fratianne, two-time Olympic medalist Michelle Kwan and 2002 Olympic bronze medalist Timothy Goebel. He currently coaches Lysacek and 2007 U.S. Championships fourth-place finisher Bebe Liang. Carroll skated in the 1950s under nine-time U.S. champion of the 1920s and '30s, Maribel Vinson Owen, with whom Kwan is tied for the most U.S. singles titles in history. Carroll was inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1996 and will be inducted into the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame at the 2007 World Championships. He is a World and Olympic coach.

Evan Lysacek



Pam Gregory

Gregory was the 2004 U.S. Figure Skating Developmental Coach of the Year, and in 2005 the U.S. Olympic Committee announced Gregory as one of five finalists for its USOC Developmental Coach of the Year Award. She coaches Meissner and 2007 U.S. Championships eighth-place finisher Shaun Rogers at the University of Delaware's Ice Skating Science Development Center, where she has coached for more than a decade. She is a World and Olympic coach.

Kimmie Meissner



Priscilla Hill

Hill was the 2004 U.S. Figure Skating Coach of the Year. She coaches at the Pond and has been with Weir since he first began skating. Hill was a successful skater herself. She was the first lady in the world to land a triple loop in competition and, at 11, was the youngest competitor to ever compete on the senior level at the U.S. Championships. She medaled at the U.S. Championships twice (1978-bronze, 1981-silver) and competed at the World Championships twice (1978-9th, 1981-7th). She is a World and Olympic coach.

Johnny Weir



Johnny Johns

Johns coaches Castile & Okolski in Canton, Mich. As a pairs skater, Johns won the U.S. bronze medal with Emily Benenson in 1973 before winning two U.S. titles with Melissa Militano in 1974 and '75. With Militano he placed eighth at the 1974 World Championships and sixth at the 1975 World Championships. He formerly coached 2006 U.S. silver medalists Marcy Hinzmann & Aaron Parchem, and he is a World and Olympic coach.

Brooke Castile & Ben Okolski

COACH(ES)

ATHLETE(S)



Natalia Linichuk & Gennadi Karpanosov

Melissa Gregory & Denis Petukhov

Linichuk & Karpanosov were Soviet Union ice dancing partners, winning the 1980 Olympic Winter Games and the World title in 1978 and 1979. They retired in 1981 and later moved to Delaware. They have coached many notable ice dancing teams, including 1994 and 1998 Olympic champions Oksana Grishuk & Evgeny Platov of Russia, 2002 Olympic silver medalists Irina Lobacheva & Ilia Averbukh of Russia, and 2006 World champions Albena Denkova & Maxim Staviski of Bulgaria. They are World and Olympic coaches.



Peter Oppegard

Rena Inoue & John Baldwin

Oppegard was named U.S. Figure Skating's 1996 Developmental Coach of the Year and 1997 Choreographer of the Year. He was the three-time U.S. pairs champion (1985, '87, '88) and 1988 Olympic bronze medalist with former partner Jill Watson. In 2004, Oppegard was inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame. Oppegard has worked with Inoue and Baldwin since February 2005. He is a World and Olympic coach.



Bonni Retzkin

Emily Hughes

Retzkin has coached Hughes since she first took to the ice at age four, and then when Hughes began skating competitively in 1997. As a young skater, Retzkin passed numerous figures tests with the Metropolitan FSC, but now is a member of the SC of New York and works in Great Neck, N.Y. She is a World and Olympic coach.



Igor Shpilband

**Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto
Meryl Davis & Charlie White**

Since 1990 Shpilband has coached ice dancing teams to 21 national titles. He previously coached five-time U.S. champions Elizabeth Punsalan & Jerod Swallow, and currently coaches numerous teams in Canton, Mich., including Belbin & Agosto, Davis & White and Canadians Tessa Virtue & Scott Moir. He was named the U.S. Olympic Committee Coach of the Year in 2000. He was the 1983 World Junior ice dancing champion for the Soviet Union with Tatiana Gladkova. He is a World and Olympic coach.



Tom Zakrajsek

Ryan Bradley

Zakrajsek coaches numerous national-level skaters out of the Broadmoor Skating Club, including Bradley, 2007 U.S. fourth-place finisher Jeremy Abbott, 2007 U.S. fifth-place finisher Rachael Flatt, and 2007 World Junior pairs champions Keauna McLaughlin & Rockne Brubaker. He formerly coached 2002 World Junior champion Ann Patrice McDonough. Zakrajsek competed at the U.S. Championships in senior men (1986-12th) and senior pairs (1985-12th). He has served on the board of directors of U.S. Figure Skating and was the 1999 U.S. Figure Skating Developmental Coach of the Year.



Marina Zoueva

**Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto
Meryl Davis & Charlie White**

Zoueva coaches with Shpilband in Canton, Mich. Their list of skaters includes Belbin & Agosto, Davis & White and Virtue & Moir. Zoueva is the choreographer for U.S. pairs champions Brooke Castile & Ben Okolski. She was also the coach for 1988 and 1994 Olympic pairs champions Ekaterina Gordeeva & Sergei Grinkov of Russia. Zoueva was world-level ice dancer for the Soviet Union, finishing fifth at the 1977 World Championships with partner Andrei Vitman.

FIGURE SKATING RECORD BOOK

MOST WORLD TITLES BY COUNTRY

NATION	MEN	LADIES	PAIRS	ICE DANCING	TOTAL
USA	22	26	2	0	50
*Soviet Union	4	0	24	16	44
Austria	22	7	7	0	36
Great Britain	2	6	3	17	28
*Russia	7	3	7	10	27
Canada	10	4	10	1	25
Germany/GDR	4	9	8	0	21
Sweden	15	0	0	0	15
Hungary	0	7	5	1	13
Czech Republic	3	2	1	4	10
Norway	0	10	0	0	10
France	2	1	4	2	9
China	0	1	3	0	4
Holland	0	4	0	0	4
Switzerland	3	1	0	0	4
*CIS	1	0	1	1	3
Finland	0	0	3	0	3
Japan	0	3	0	0	3
Belgium	0	0	2	0	2
Bulgaria	0	0	0	1	1
Italy	0	0	0	1	1
*Ukraine	0	1	0	0	1

MOST WORLD MEDALS BY COUNTRY

NATION	MEN	LADIES	PAIRS	ICE DANCING	TOTAL
USA	50	54	73		177
Austria	36	47	34		117
*Soviet Union	44	42	24		110
Great Britain	28	30	24		82
Germany/GDR	21	30	30		81
Canada	25	26	28		79
*Russia	27	18	13		58
France	9	17	13		39
Hungary	13	7	15		35
Sweden	15	7	11		33
Czech Republic	10	5	5		20
Norway	10	2	5		17
China	4	4	6		14
Japan	3	2	5		10
Switzerland	4	2	0		6
*CIS	3	1	1		5
Italy	1	1	3		5
*Ukraine	1	0	2		3

**The Soviet Union last competed in the 1991 World Figure Skating Championships. The Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) competed in the 1992 World Figure Skating Championships. Russia and Ukraine began competing as separate nations at the 1993 World Figure Skating Championships.*

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MOST WORLD TITLES WON BY A U.S. SKATER

LADIES

Carol Heiss	5
Michelle Kwan	5
Peggy Fleming	3
Tenley Albright	2
Linda Fratianne	2
Kristi Yamaguchi	2

MEN

Richard Button	5
Scott Hamilton	4
Hayes Jenkins	4
David Jenkins	3

PAIRS

Tai Babilonia & Randy Gardner	1
Karol Kennedy & Peter Kennedy	1

ICE DANCING

The U.S. has never won a World title in ice dancing.

MOST WORLD MEDALS WON BY A U.S. SKATER

LADIES

Michelle Kwan	9	(5 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze)
Carol Heiss	6	(5 gold, 1 silver)
Peggy Fleming	4	(3 gold, 1 bronze)
Tenley Albright	4	(2 gold, 2 silver)
Linda Fratianne	4	(2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
Dorothy Hamill	3	(1 gold, 2 silver)
Debi Thomas	3	(1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
Elaine Zayak	3	(1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
Sasha Cohen	3	(2 silver, 1 bronze)

MEN

Richard Button	6	(5 gold, 1 silver)
Hayes Jenkins	6	(4 gold, 2 bronze)
Todd Eldredge	6	(1 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze)
David Jenkins	5	(3 gold, 2 bronze)
Scott Hamilton	4	(4 gold)
Brian Boitano	4	(2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)
James Grogan	4	(4 silver)
Tim Wood	3	(2 gold, 1 silver)
Tim Brown	3	(2 silver, 1 bronze)

PAIRS

Karol Kennedy & Peter Kennedy	5	(1 gold, 4 silver)
Tai Babilonia & Randy Gardner	3	(1 gold, 2 bronze)
Jenni Meno & Todd Sand	3	(1 silver, 2 bronze)
Cynthia Kauffman & Ronald Kauffman	3	(3 bronze)
Beatrix Loughran & Sherwin Badger	2	(2 bronze)
JoJo Starbuck & Kenneth Shelley	2	(2 bronze)

ICE DANCING

Judy Schwomeyer & James Sladky	4	(1 silver, 3 bronze)
Judy Blumberg & Michael Seibert	4	(4 bronze)
Lorna Dyer & John Carrell	3	(1 silver, 2 bronze)
Andree Anderson & Donald Jacoby	2	(1 silver, 1 bronze)
Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto	2	(1 silver, 1 bronze)
Colleen O'Connor & Jim Mills	2	(1 silver, 1 bronze)
Carol Peters & Daniel Ryan	2	(2 bronze)

MOST WORLD TITLES WON BY ANY SKATER

LADIES

Sonja Henie (NOR)	10
Carol Heiss (USA)	5
Herma Jaross-Szabo (AUT)	5
Michelle Kwan (USA)	5
Lily Kronberger (HUN)	4
Katarina Witt (GER)	4

MEN

Ulrich Salchow (SWE)	10
Karl Schafer (AUT)	7
Richard Button (USA)	5
Willy Boeckl (AUT)	4
Kurt Browning (CAN)	4
Scott Hamilton (USA)	4
Hayes Jenkins (USA)	4
Alexei Yagudin (RUS)	4
Evgeny Plushenko (RUS)	3
Elvis Stojko (CAN)	3

PAIRS

Irina Rodnina & Alexander Zaitsev (URS)	6
Liudmila Belousova & Oleg Protopopov (URS)	4
Ekaterina Gordeeva & Sergei Grinkov (RUS)	4
Maxi Herber & Ernst Baier (GER)	4
Andree Joly & Pierre Brunet (FRA)	4
Irina Rodnina & Alexei Ulanov (URS)	4
Emilia Rotter & Laszlo Szollas (HUN)	4
Barbara Wagner & Robert Paul (CAN)	4

ICE DANCING

Liudmila Pakhomova & Aleksander Gorshkov (URS)	6
Natalia Bestemanova & Andrei Bukin (URS)	4
Oksana Grishuk & Evgeny Platov (RUS)	4
Eva Romanova & Pavel Roman (CZE)	4
Jayne Torvill & Christopher Dean (GBR)	4
Dianne Towler & Bernard Ford (GBR)	4
Jean Westwood & Lawrence Demmy (GBR)	4
Marina Klimova & Sergei Ponomarenko (URS)	3

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FIRSTS

(Performed during competition unless otherwise noted)

AXEL FIRSTS

- Single Axel — Axel Paulsen (NOR) in 1882 in Vienna, Austria (not in formal competition)
- Single Axel by a woman — Sonja Henie (NOR) in the early 1920s
- **Double Axel — Richard Button (USA) at the 1948 Olympic Winter Games**
- Triple Axel — Vern Taylor (CAN) at the 1978 World Championships
- **Triple Axel by a U.S. man — Brian Boitano (USA) at the 1982 U.S. Championships**
- Triple Axel by a woman — Midori Ito (JPN) at the 1989 World Championships
- **Triple Axel by a U.S. woman — Tonya Harding (USA) at the 1991 U.S. Championships**
- **Throw triple Axel — Rena Inoue & John Baldwin (USA) at the 2006 U.S. Championships (internationally at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games)**

TRIPLE JUMP FIRSTS

- **Triple loop — Richard Button (USA) at the 1952 Olympic Winter Games**
- **Triple loop by a woman — Priscilla Hill (USA)**
- **Triple Salchow — Ronald Robertson (USA) at the 1955 World Championships**
- Triple Lutz — Donald Jackson (CAN) at the 1962 World Championships
- Triple Lutz by a woman — Denise Biellmann (SUI) at the 1978 World Championships
- **Triple toe loop — Thomas Litz (USA) at the 1964 World Championships**
- Triple Axel — Vern Taylor (CAN) at the 1978 World Championships
- Triple Axel by a woman — Midori Ito (JPN) at the 1989 World Championships

QUADRUPLE JUMP FIRSTS

- Quadruple jump — Kurt Browning (CAN) landed a quadruple toe loop at the 1988 World Championships.
- Quadruple jump by a woman — Miki Ando (JPN) completed a quad Salchow at the 2002 ISU Junior Grand Prix Final (The Hague, Netherlands) in December 2002.
- Quadruple-double jump combination — Elvis Stojko (CAN) landed a quadruple toe loop-double toe loop combination at the 1991 World Championships.
- Quadruple-triple jump combination — Elvis Stojko (CAN) landed a quadruple toe loop-triple toe loop combination at the 1997 Champions Series Final.
- **Quadruple jump by a U.S. man — Timothy Goebel (USA) at the 1998 ISU Junior Grand Prix Series Final**
- **Quadruple Salchow — Timothy Goebel (USA) at the 1998 ISU Junior Grand Prix Series Final**
- **Quadruple Salchow-triple jump combination — Timothy Goebel (USA) at the 1999 World Championships**
- Two different quadruple jumps in one program — Ilija Klimkin (RUS) at 1999 Nebelhorn Trophy (quad Salchow, quad toe)
- **Three different quadruple jumps in one program — Timothy Goebel (USA) at Skate America 1999 (quad Salchow-triple toe, quad toe & quad Salchow)**

OTHER FIRSTS OF INTEREST

- **First triple Axel witnessed at an event (not in competition) — David Jenkins (USA) landed one at the exhibition following the 1960 Olympic Winter Games.**
- First triple-triple jump combination by a woman — Midori Ito (JPN) landed a triple toe loop-triple toe loop combination at the 1981 World Junior Championships.
- **First triple Salchow-triple loop by a woman — Tara Lipinski (USA) landed the combination during the free skate at the 1996 World Championships.**
- First triple Lutz-triple loop — Irina Slutskaya (RUS) landed the combination at the 2000 ISU Grand Prix Final.

YOUNGEST WORLD CHAMPIONS

LADIES

Competitor's Name	Date of Birth
1. Tara Lipinski (USA), 14 (1997)	.6/10/1982
2. Sonja Henie (NOR), 14 (1927)	4/8/1912
3. Oksana Baiul (UKR), 15 (1993)	11/16/1977
4. Michelle Kwan (USA), 15 (1996)	.7/7/1980
5. Sonja Henie (NOR), 15 (1928)	4/8/1912
6. Cecilia Colledge (GBR), 16 (1937)	11/28/1920
7. Kimmie Meissner (USA), 16, (2006)	10/4/1989
8. Linda Fratianne (USA), 16 (1977)	.8/2/1960
9. Elaine Zayak (USA), 16 (1982)	4/12/1965
10. Sonja Henie (NOR), 16 (1929)	4/8/1912
11. Carol Heiss (USA), 16 (1956)	1/20/1940

MEN

Competitor's Name	Date of Birth
1. Evgeny Plushenko (RUS), 18 (2001)	11/11/1982
2. Jan Hoffmann (GDR), 18 (1974)	10/26/1955
3. Richard Button (USA), 18 (1948)	7/18/1929
4. Alexei Yagudin (RUS), 18 (1998)	3/18/1980
5. Donald McPherson (CAN), 18 (1963)	2/20/1945
6. Richard Button (USA), 19 (1949)	7/18/1929
7. Karl Schafer (AUT), 19 (1930)	5/17/1910
8. Stephane Lambiel (SUI), 19 (2005)	4/2/1985
9. Hayes Jenkins (USA), 19 (1953)	3/23/1933
10. Alexei Yagudin (RUS), 19 (1999)	3/18/1980

NOTE: This listing begins with the 1901 World Championships because birthdates of the medalists from 1896-1900 could not be located. Birthdates are unknown for 1912-1913, 1923 gold medalist Fritz Kachler (AUT) and 1914 gold medalist.

WORLD RESULTS - MEDALISTS (PAST 10 YEARS)

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
LADIES			
2006 Calgary, CAN	Kimmie Meissner (USA) 218.33 (189.87 w/o Qual)	Fumie Suguri (JPN) 209.74 (181.27 w/o Qual)	Sasha Cohen (USA) 208.88 (181.29 w/o Qual)
2005 Moscow, RUS	Irina Slutskaya (RUS) 222.71 (192.94 w/o Qual)	Sasha Cohen (USA) 214.39 (185.98 w/o Qual)	Carolina Kostner (ITA) 200.56 (174.11 w/o Qual)
2004 Dortmund, GER	Shizuka Arakawa (JPN)	Sasha Cohen (USA)	Michelle Kwan (USA)
2003 Washington, D.C.	Michelle Kwan (USA)	Elena Sokolova (RUS)	Fumie Suguri (JPN)
2002 Nagano, JPN	Irina Slutskaya (RUS)	Michelle Kwan (USA)	Fumie Suguri (JPN)
2001 Vancouver, CAN	Michelle Kwan (USA)	Irina Slutskaya (RUS)	Sarah Hughes (USA)
2000 Nice, FRA	Michelle Kwan (USA)	Irina Slutskaya (RUS)	Maria Butyrskaya (RUS)
1999 Helsinki, FIN	Maria Butyrskaya (RUS)	Michelle Kwan (USA)	Julia Soldatova (RUS)
1998 Minneapolis, USA	Michelle Kwan (USA)	Irina Slutskaya (RUS)	Maria Butyrskaya (RUS)
1997 Lausanne, SUI	Tara Lipinski (USA)	Michelle Kwan (USA)	Vanessa Gusmeroli (FRA)

MEN			
2006 Calgary, CAN	Stephane Lambiel (SUI) 274.22 (233.99 w/o Qual)	Brian Joubert (FRA) 270.83 (236.78 w/o Qual)	Evan Lysacek (USA) 255.22 (220.29 w/o Qual)
2005 Moscow, RUS	Stephane Lambiel (SUI) 262.46 (224.46 w/o Qual)	Jeffrey Buttle (CAN) 245.69 (213.69 w/o Qual)	Evan Lysacek (USA) 239.29 (207.16 w/o Qual)
2004 Dortmund, GER	Evgeny Plushenko (RUS)	Brian Joubert (FRA)	Stefan Lindemann (GER)
2003 Washington, D.C.	Evgeny Plushenko (RUS)	Timothy Goebel (USA)	Takeshi Honda (JPN)
2002 Nagano, JPN	Alexei Yagudkin (RUS)	Timothy Goebel (USA)	Takeshi Honda (JPN)
2001 Vancouver, CAN	Evgeny Plushenko (RUS)	Alexei Yagudkin (RUS)	Todd Eldredge (USA)
2000 Nice, FRA	Alexei Yagudkin (RUS)	Elvis Stojko (CAN)	Michael Weiss (USA)
1999 Helsinki, FIN	Alexei Yagudkin (RUS)	Evgeny Plushenko (RUS)	Michael Weiss (USA)
1998 Minneapolis, USA	Alexei Yagudkin (RUS)	Todd Eldredge (USA)	Evgeny Plushenko (RUS)
1997 Lausanne, SUI	Elvis Stojko (CAN)	Todd Eldredge (USA)	Alexei Yagudkin (RUS)

PAIRS			
2006 Calgary, CAN	Qing Pang (CHN) Jian Tong 189.20	Dan Zhang (CHN) Hao Zhang 186.42	Maria Petrova (RUS) Alexei Tikhonov 186.22
2005 Moscow, RUS	Tatiana Totmianina (RUS) Maxim Marinin 198.49	Maria Petrova (RUS) Alexei Tikhonov 188.21	Dan Zhang (CHN) Hao Zhang 180.22
2004 Dortmund, GER	Tatiana Totmianina (RUS) Maxim Marinin	Xue Shen (CHN) Hongbo Zhao	Qing Pang (CHN) Jian Tong
2003 Washington, D.C.	Xue Shen (CHN) Hongbo Zhao	Tatiana Totmianina (RUS) Maxim Marinin	Maria Petrova (RUS) Alexei Tikhonov
2002 Nagano, JPN	Xue Shen (CHN) Hongbo Zhao	Tatiana Totmianina (RUS) Maxim Marinin	Kyoko Ina (USA) John Zimmerman
2001 Vancouver, CAN	Jamie Salé (CAN) David Pelletier	Elena Berezhnaya (RUS) Anton Sikharulidze	Xue Shen (CHN) Hongbo Zhao
2000 Nice, France	Maria Petrova (RUS) Alexei Tikhonov	Xue Shen (CHN) Hongbo Zhao	Sarah Abitbol (FRA) Stephane Bernadis
1999 Helsinki, FIN	Elena Berezhnaya (RUS) Anton Sikharulidze	Xue Shen (CHN) Hongbo Zhao	Dorota Zagorska (POL) Mariusz Siudek
1998 Minneapolis, USA	Elena Berezhnaya (RUS) Anton Sikharulidze	Jenni Meno (USA) Todd Sand	Peggy Schwarz (GER) Mirko Muller
1997 Lausanne, SUI	Mandy Wotzel (GER) Ingo Steuer	Marina Eltsova (RUS) Andrey Bushkov	Oksana Kazakova (RUS) Artur Dmitriev

ICE DANCING			
2006 Calgary, CAN	Albena Denkova (BUL) Maxim Staviski 199.14	Marie-France Dubreuil (CAN) Patrice Lauzon 198.69	Tanith Belbin (USA) Ben Agosto 196.74
2005 Moscow, RUS	Tatiana Navka (RUS) Roman Kostomarov 227.81	Tanith Belbin (USA) Ben Agosto 221.26	Elena Grushina (UKR) Ruslan Goncharov 213.95
2004 Dortmund, GER	Tatiana Navka (RUS) Roman Kostomarov	Albena Denkova (BUL) Maxim Staviski	Kati Winkler (GER) Rene Lohse
2003 Washington, D.C.	Shae-Lynn Bourne (CAN) Victor Kraatz	Irina Lobacheva (RUS) Illa Averbukh	Albena Denkova (BUL) Maxim Staviski
2002 Nagano, JPN	Irina Lobacheva (RUS) Illa Averbukh	Shae-Lynn Bourne (CAN) Victor Kraatz	Galit Chait (ISR) Sergei Sakhnovsky
2001 Vancouver, CAN	Barbara Fusar-Poli (ITA) Maurizio Margaglio	Marina Anissina (FRA) Gwendal Peizerat	Irina Lobacheva (RUS) Illa Averbukh
2000 Nice, FRA	Marina Anissina (FRA) Gwendal Peizerat	Barbara Fusar-Poli (ITA) Maurizio Margaglio	Margarita Drobiazko (LTU) Povilas Vanagas
1999 Helsinki, FIN	Anjelika Krylova (RUS) Oleg Ovsyannikov	Marina Anissina (FRA) Gwendal Peizerat	Shae-Lynn Bourne (CAN) Victor Kraatz
1998 Minneapolis, USA	Anjelika Krylova (RUS) Oleg Ovsyannikov	Marina Anissina (FRA) Gwendal Peizerat	Shae-Lynn Bourne (CAN) Victor Kraatz
1997 Lausanne, SUI	Oksana Grishuk (RUS) Evgeny Platov	Anjelika Krylova (RUS) Oleg Ovsyannikov	Shae-Lynn Bourne (CAN) Victor Kraatz

WORLD RESULTS - U.S. FINISHERS (PAST 10 YEARS)

LADIES

2006	Kimmie Meissner (1)	218.33	Sasha Cohen (3)	208.88	Emily Hughes (8)	184.75
2005	Sasha Cohen (2)	214.39	Michelle Kwan (4)	200.19	Jennifer Kirk (17)	156.81
2004	Sasha Cohen (2)		Michelle Kwan (3)		Jennifer Kirk (18)	
2003	Michelle Kwan (1)		Sasha Cohen (4)		Sarah Hughes (6)	
2002	Michelle Kwan (2)		Sasha Cohen (4)		Jennifer Kirk (WD)	
2001	Michelle Kwan (1)		Sarah Hughes (3)		Angela Nikodinov (5)	
2000	Michelle Kwan (1)		Sarah Hughes (5)		Angela Nikodinov (9)	
1999	Michelle Kwan (2)		Sarah Hughes (7)		Angela Nikodinov (12)	
1998	Michelle Kwan (1)		Tonia Kwiatkowski (6)			
1997	Tara Lipinski (1)		Michelle Kwan (2)		Nicole Bobek (13)	

MEN

2006	Evan Lysacek (3)	255.22	Johnny Weir (7)	235.57	Matt Savoie (11)	227.41
2005	Evan Lysacek (3)	239.29	Johnny Weir (4)	236.06	Timothy Goebel (10)	222.57
2004	Johnny Weir (5)		Michael Weiss (6)		Matt Savoie (16)	
2003	Timothy Goebel (2)		Michael Weiss (5)		Ryan Jahnke (13)	
2002	Timothy Goebel (2)		Michael Weiss (6)		Matt Savoie (12)	
2001	Todd Eldredge (3)		Timothy Goebel (4)			
2000	Michael Weiss (3)		Timothy Goebel (11)			
1999	Michael Weiss (3)		Timothy Goebel (12)		Trifun Zivanovic (16)	
1998	Todd Eldredge (2)		Michael Weiss (6)			
1997	Todd Eldredge (2)		Michael Weiss (7)		Dan Hollander (Group B, 18)	

PAIRS

2006	Rena Inoue (4)	183.17	Marcy Hinzmann (11)	140.22		
	John Baldwin		Aaron Parchem			
2005	Rena Inoue (11)	155.64	Katie Orscher (12)	143.16		
	John Baldwin		Garrett Lucash			
2004	Rena Inoue (10)		Katie Orscher (13)			
	John Baldwin		Garrett Lucash			
2003	Tiffany Scott (9)		Rena Inoue (10)		Katie Orscher (16)	
	Philip Dulebohn		John Baldwin		Garrett Lucash	
2002	Kyoko Ina (3)		Tiffany Scott (7)			
	John Zimmerman		Philip Dulebohn			
2001	Kyoko Ina (7)		Tiffany Scott (11)			
	John Zimmerman		Philip Dulebohn			
2000	Kyoko Ina (7)		Tiffany Scott (9)			
	John Zimmerman		Philip Dulebohn			
1999	Kyoko Ina (9)		Danielle Hartsell (10)		Laura Handy (20)	
	John Zimmerman		Steve Hartsell		Paul Binnebose	
1998	Jenni Meno (2)		Shelby Lyons (10)			
	Todd Sand		Brian Wells			
1997	Kyoko Ina (4)		Jenni Meno (5)		Stephanie Stiegler (15)	
	Jason Dungen		Todd Sand		John Zimmerman	

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2006	Tanith Belbin (3)	196.74	Melissa Gregory (9)	171.06	Morgan Matthews (16)	152.97
	Ben Agosto		Denis Petukhov		Maxim Zavozin	
2005	Tanith Belbin (2)	227.81	Melissa Gregory (11)	173.00		
	Ben Agosto		Denis Petukhov			
2004	Tanith Belbin (5)		Melissa Gregory (12)			
	Ben Agosto		Denis Petukhov			
2003	Tanith Belbin (7)		Naomi Lang (8)			
	Ben Agosto		Peter Tchernyshev			
2002	Naomi Lang (9)		Tanith Belbin (13)			
	Peter Tchernyshev		Ben Agosto			
2001	Naomi Lang (9)		Tanith Belbin (17)			
	Peter Tchernyshev		Ben Agosto			
2000	Naomi Lang (8)		Jamie Silverstein (12)			
	Peter Tchernyshev		Justin Pekarek			
1999	Naomi Lang (10)		Eve Chalom (17)			
	Peter Tchernyshev		Mathew Gates			
1998	Elizabeth Punsalan (6)		Jessica Joseph (25)			
	Jerod Swallow		Charles Butler			
1997	Elizabeth Punsalan (6)		Eve Chalom (17)			
	Jerod Swallow		Mathew Gates			

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