



Skating Club of North Carolina

Press Release

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Erynn Komes Takes 1st Place at the 27th Annual Cherry Blossom Invitational Figure Skating Competition

The Skating Club of North Carolina congratulates club member Erynn Komes on her 1st place finish at the 2005 Cherry Blossom figure skating competition hosted by The Capitol City Council in Alexandria, Virginia. The prestigious event was held from April 28 through May 1 and featured many top figure skaters from around the country.

Raised in Raleigh, North Carolina, and trained by her coach, Ann Morton-Tice, 12-year-old Erynn competed against skaters representing skating clubs from 9 different Mid-Western and Southern states. Success came early when Erynn won her initial round, in part, by landing two double axel jumps. This was the first time she had accomplished this very difficult element within her routine in open competition.

“I was surprised I won the initial round. It was really close, because we all had mistakes” notes Komes. But just one day later, her 2 ½ hours-per-day training schedule paid off as she performed the routine of her dreams at the finals. Skating to *Sing, Sing, Sing*, Erynn completed all of her jump, spin, and footwork elements almost without flaw. The judges awarded her with 6 out of 9 first place ordinals; easily putting her in 1st place and overall 2005 Juvenile Girls Champion.

Erynn’s biggest challenge was to simply pace herself and not get overly tired. When asked what she is most proud of from this experience, Erynn replied, “I am most proud of not holding back and having fun with my program.”

The Skating Club of North Carolina is proud of Erynn and all SCNC figure skating members, coaches, and parents who work so hard each day in an effort to promote the sport of figure skating.

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Biography for Erynn Komes

- Born: April 9, 1993
- Skating Level: Juvenile
- School: Martin Middle School
- Home Club: Skating Club of North Carolina
- Home/Training Town: Raleigh, North Carolina
- Coach: Ann Morton-Tice
- Choreographer: Diana Goolsbey

Background:

Erynn started skating in Raleigh, NC when she was almost six years old, in the *Learn to Skate* classes at the Raleigh IcePlex. She has always trained with her coach Ann Tice, and also works with Mirko Mueller-Goolsbey, Scott Cudmore, and Diana Goolsbey, her choreographer. She takes ballet twice a week at the North Carolina Dance Institute. Erynn is a straight-A student, and a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

Competitive History:

- Cherry Blossom Invitational, 4/05, 1st
- Central Carolina Classic, 4/05, 1st
- 2005 South Atlantic Regional, 10th - QR
- 2004 South Atlantic Regional, 10th - QR

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