



Skating Club of North Carolina

Press Release

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Raleigh Area Figure Skaters Compete at 2008 U.S. Junior Championships

The Skating Club of North Carolina (SCNC) is pleased to announce that six (6) of its members will be competing at the 2008 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships being held in Salt Lake City, Utah November 26 – December 1, 2007. Three other Raleigh competitors will be joining the team in their quest to become national champions.

Bronze medalist, Jessica Hu (12) advances to the national scene after taking 3rd place in the Juvenile Girls division at the 2008 South Atlantic Championships held back in October. Also competing are Kay Bergdolt & Miles Addison – Juvenile Pairs, Tori Look & David Botero – Juvenile Dance, and Intermediate Dance teams Jenny Stuart & David Lenz and Rose & James Dolan. Ages for each competitor range between 12 and 17.

Jessica, a student at Carnage Middle School in Raleigh, has been skating for 5 years. She practices 2-3 hours every weekday at both the Ice House in Garner and Raleigh IcePlex. Teaming with national and international coach Kathie Kader since October of last year, Jessica is most proud of her jumps and ability to perform level 4 (most difficult) spins in her program.

“The most difficult challenge was handling a lot of pressure, but it was very exciting to compete with other girls,” Jessica states when reflecting on the challenges she faced at this year’s regional competition.

Jessica and her fellow competitors will be going against some of the best skaters in the country. SCNC is proud of these young athletes as they now go on to represent the best the Triangle Area has to offer in competitive figure skating.

The Skating Club of NC, Inc. is a non-profit member club of the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) whose mission is to promote participation in the sport of amateur figure skating by providing opportunities to participate in skating events and to demonstrate personal skill development through USFSA test and competition structures in an environment of support and good sportsmanship.

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