

Sk8scotland

SPEED NEWS

British Championships

Congratulations and thanks to the organisers, officials, rink management and staff who made this championship such a success. The British was a success on every level, the largest qualification/entry in many years, top class organisation, great facility and fantastic racing. The hours and days of work that went into the preparation of the event by all involved were incredible which then culminated with the reward of working non-stop for the two days of competition!

On the ice Scotland had a good championship, the high lights being Samantha Inch, Elise Christie and Ian Cavin taking three of the nine individual titles.

The masters was an all Scottish battle for the medals with Ian Cavin producing some fine skating to edge out Alan Dobbie ahead of defending champion Barrie Barreto.

The junior ladies title as expected went to one of the world's top juniors Elise Christie who cruised through the competition with minimum effort after a long hard season.

The juvenile ladies was arguably the most keenly contested category in the championship with six girls all having a chance at taking the title at the start of competition. It was the last lap of the last race before the medals were decided which created a very pressurized situation for the skaters and a great deal of stress for the parents and a lot of excitement for the rest of us. In the end the title went to defending champion Samantha Inch, who was pushed all the way by Alison Walker with Rosslyn Waite in third place.

At some point in the championships all our skaters produced notable performances and it was great to see the Dundee skaters in their first British competing so well. Also well done to Dundee's relay team in making the final, I believe they are the first Scottish team to make the final since Falkirk in the late 80's.

Medal Table

Club	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Mohawks	3	1	2	6
Nottingham	2	4	2	8
Aldwych	2	2	2	6
Ayrshire Flyers	1	2	2	5
Falkirk/Stirling	1	1	1	3
Dundee	1	0	0	1
Independent	0	0	1	1

In the championships there were Scottish records for Kristopher Inglis (Junior F) – 222m & 333m, Ben McFarlane (Junior E) – 222m, Euan Taylor (Junior C) – 333m, Billy McArthur (Master C) – 800m, Flyers Junior C Ladies (Jennifer Miller, Samantha Inch, Alison Walker, Rosslyn Waite) – 3000m Relay. For full list of Scottish records go to www.ayrshireflyers.org.uk

For full results please go to www.britishshorttrack2008.info/ & www.shorttrackonline.com

Scottish Championships

This event will be at Dundee Ice Rink on Sunday April 27th. All entries to Stuart Miller, closing date Monday April 21st.