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Future Champions Trophy

Short Track Speed Skating

Amsterdam 2009



StarClass Series

With the best Short Track Skaters from East & West-Europe



Top of European Short Track in Amsterdam

From 27 February until the 1st of March the best Short Track skaters from East- and West-Europe came together in the Edenhall Ice Rink of Amsterdam for the Future Champions Trophy Short Track. This was a guarantee for Topsport Short Track as we have not seen in a long time in Amsterdam. At the fast Ice of the Edenhall the competition developed to World Championships level. The strongest delegation came from Italy; with 28 skaters in the competition and 10 medal-winners. Germany with 14 skaters won 7 medals, the Netherlands and Hungary won 5 medals and Poland won for 4 medals. Many of these skaters also qualified for the World Championships a week later in Vienna.



Official opening by ISU-council member György Martos

The Future Champions Trophy, although not (yet) an official championship was opened by György Martos, council-member of the International Skating Union. György Martos who was former speed skater himself, is a great supporter of short track and is also one of the promoters of the Future Champions Trophy.

The photos in this Newsletter are made by Peter-Paul Verbeek and can also be seen at www.shorttrackonline.info

Introduction

The Future Champions Trophy is a new event on the International calendar of Short Track competitions and is held this season for the second time. It is a Top-competition for the best Short Track skaters of Europe per age-category.

For this competition the 10 best skaters per category from East-Europe and the 10 best skaters per category from West-Europe were invited. This was based on the Overall Classification of the in East-Europe held series of competitions for the Danubia Cup and the in West-Europe held series of competitions for the StarClass.

The competition was organised, under the auspices of the Royal Skating Association of the Netherlands (KNSB) by the Amsterdam Skating Club Jaap Eden organizer of international Short Track competitions for more than 30 years and a.o. organizer of two World Championships and Worlcups.

The best 160 skaters of Europe have qualified and competed in the Future Champions Trophy 2009. These skaters came from 18 different European countries. This means that Short Track is more and more becoming real Top-sport in the whole of Europe. This gives a good perspective for the Future of Short Track in this part of the World.

Piet Broekhuizen

The Ice Rink



Jaap Eden Ice rink

The Jaap Eden Ice rink opened its gates in 1961. It was the first artificial 400 meter track in the Netherlands and the third artificial 400 meter Ice rink in the world. In 1973 the outdoor 30x60 meter track was replaced by an indoor Ice rink. The Jaap Eden Ice rink is the oldest artificial ice rink of the Netherlands but is completely renovated. The cooling-system is very modern and completely computerized and gives top quality of ice. More than 500.000 visitors every season come to skate at the Jaap Eden Ice rink. The Ice rink has around 2000 competition skaters. At the 400 meter track every week 5 competitions are held. The Dutch Short Track history started in the Edenhal. The Amsterdam Skating Club Jaap Eden is the home-club. For more than 30 years international Short Track competitions are held in the Edenhal. Two World Championships, World Cups and Olympic Qualifying competitions took also place in the Edenhal.



The hotels

The hotel-accommodation during the Future Champions Trophy was arranged in the same hotels which are always in use for the Open Dutch Juniors. Only now it was a little bit bigger! Almost 800 overnight bookings over a period of five days were made for this event.



Meals at Edenhal restaurant

For the Future Champions Trophy all meals including the breakfast for the skaters, officials and volunteers were served at the Edenhal restaurant. The professional staff and volunteers of the local club worked together for this. During the days of the competition more than 1700 meals were served out in this way.



Many Personal- and National Records

Thanks to the technical staff of the ice rink and the track-stewards the ice during the Future Champions Trophy was in top condition. This resulted in many Personal- and National records during the competition. For many skaters this was a good preparation for the World Championships a week later in Vienna.

Officials & Volunteers

More than 55 Officials, volunteers and Ice rink staff were working at the Future Champions Trophy in order to make it successful. The officials came from all over Europe; Starters from Poland and Italy, Referees from Great Britain, Netherlands, Italy, Hungary, Belgium and Germany, competitors-stewards from Italy and Hungary. Time-keepers, Administration, Transport, Hospitality, Medical Service and Ice Rink staff, they all worked together in order to give the skaters a good competition. On behalf of the Amsterdam Skating Club Jaap Eden we would like to thank all these people for their support.



The officials



The city of Amsterdam has a special foundation called Topsport Amsterdam. This foundation supports Top sporters and Top sport events with their knowledge, network of sponsors and if possible financial support. They work for sporters and sport-events of all kinds of sports. They also supported the Future Champions Trophy short track for which the Organising Committee is very thankful.

Competitions Statistics

Qualified skaters 160 from 18 countries and 31 clubs. Coaches and team staff 45 persons. Officials and volunteers 60 persons. Competition at Ice rink 3 days with 31 hours of competition and 299 races. Meals served in the restaurant to the teams and officials more than 1700. Hotels more than 800 overnight-bookings.

Awards by Jaap Eden Ice rink

The Jaap Eden Ice rink gave a warm support to the Future Champions Trophy with facilities and technical support. Besides this they sponsored the awards for the Overall Classification. Together with the ISU-officials Ice rink Manager Ellis v.d.Weerden presented at the end the awards to the winners.



Souvenirs skaters by Sebra

At the end of the competition all skaters got a shawl with imprinted logo as a souvenir of the Future Champions Trophy. This memento was sponsored by Sebra Sports, the company of the cut-resistant skating suits.

The sponsors



Local bus-transport extended

Due to the fact that much more teams than planned came by plane the local transport between the Airport, Hotels and Ice rink had to be extended. Besides the mini-busses, driven by the members of the ASC Jaap Eden, the OC at the last moment had to arrange more bus-capacity. Thanks to the Topsport Foundation of the city of Amsterdam, their partner Labeto supported the event with extra busses for a special discount-price.



Photo finish & Results

For the Future Champions Trophy the Photo finish, Info-screens, scoreboard, clocks with running-time, live-results on internet and the whole result processing was sponsored and operated by shorttrackonline.info. In total there were 299 races in 3 days.

The skaters



Skaters per country

Skaters from 18 countries had qualified for the Future Champions Trophy 2009. Understated you can see the number of skaters per country in the competition.

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1	Italy	ITA	28
2	Netherlands	NED	21
3	Poland	POL	15
4	Germany	GER	14
5	Hungary	HUN	13
6	Belgium	BEL	7
	Bulgaria	BUL	7
	Great Britain	GBR	7
	Latvia	LAT	7
10	Romania	ROU	6
11	Slovak Republic	SVK	5
12	Ukraine	UKR	4
13	Bosnia & Herzegovina	BIH	3
14	Lithuania	LTU	2
15	Austria	AUT	1
	Croatia	CRO	1
	Czech Republic	CZE	1
	France	FRA	1



The public



The public also a winner

The people who came with the skaters to the Future Champions Trophy gave the competition a fantastic atmosphere. They came from all over Europe. Although it was a three long days of competitions they cheered and applauded for all the skaters from the first race on Friday until the last Award ceremony on Sunday. This was a great contribution to the fantastic atmosphere in the Edenhal Ice rink during the whole event.



The Music



It was three days a great atmosphere in the Edenhal Ice stadium. Good races, an enthusiastic public and on Sunday a visit of a traditional Dutch Street Orchestra what gave a very special ambience.

The winners

Overall Classification Ladies Junior-D

1	Danielle Khan	GBR
2	Carlotta Berger	GER
3	Antonia Giese	GER
4	Gloria Malfatti	ITA
5	Nicole Martinello	ITA



Overall Classification Men Junior-D

1	Shaolin Li	HUN
2	Markus Graf	GER
3	Emil Imre	ROU
4	Tom Rietzke	GER
5	Milan Grugin	ITA



Overall Classification Ladies Junior-C

1	Zsófia Kónya	HUN
2	Arianna Valcepina	ITA
3	Agne Sereikaite	LTU
4	Ylenia Tota	ITA
5	Lenka Zahumenská	CZE



Overall Classification Men Junior-C

1	Cristian Bianchi	ITA
2	Itzhak de Laat	NED
3	Andrea Cassinelli	ITA
4	Christoph Schubert	GER
5	Stefan Horvath	SVK



Overall Classification Ladies Junior-B

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|---|--------------------|-----|
| 1 | Elena Viviani | ITA |
| 2 | Beata Podwysocka | POL |
| 3 | Josephine Meschnik | ITA |
| 4 | Patricia Tóth | HUN |
| 5 | Nathalie Prescher | GER |



Overall Classification Men Junior-B

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|---|----------------------|-----|
| 1 | Timothy Dewispelaere | BEL |
| 2 | Bence Béres | HUN |
| 3 | Bence Olah | HUN |
| 4 | Boris Frankovic | SVK |
| 5 | Jakub Borowski | POL |



Overall Classification Ladies Junior-A

- | | | |
|---|------------------|-----|
| 1 | Tatiana Bodova | SVK |
| 2 | Paula Bzura | POL |
| 3 | Elisa Lenke | GER |
| 4 | Rosalie Huisman | NED |
| 5 | Yara van Kerkhof | NED |



Overall Classification Men Junior-A

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|---|-----------------------|-----|
| 1 | Jekabs Saulitis | LAT |
| 2 | Jan Ebele van der Ree | NED |
| 3 | Rafal Piórecki | POL |
| 4 | Davide Viscardi | ITA |
| 5 | Björn Postma | NED |





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